

SB244_L.024

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

 Chairman of Committee

 Date
Committee on Business Affairs and Labor.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB09-244 be amended as follows:

1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 3, strike line 27.

2 Page 4, strike lines 1 through 10 and substitute the following:

3 "(II) "AUTISM SERVICES PROVIDER" MEANS ANY PERSON WHO
 4 PROVIDES DIRECT SERVICES TO A PERSON WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM
 5 DISORDER AND WHO MEETS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

6 (A) HAS A DOCTORAL DEGREE WITH A SPECIALTY IN PSYCHIATRY,
 7 MEDICINE, OR CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY, IS ACTIVELY LICENSED BY THE
 8 STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, AND HAS ONE YEAR OF DIRECT
 9 EXPERIENCE IN BEHAVIORAL THERAPIES THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH BEST
 10 PRACTICE AND RESEARCH ON EFFECTIVENESS FOR PEOPLE WITH AUTISM
 11 SPECTRUM DISORDERS;

12 (B) HAS A DOCTORAL DEGREE IN ONE OF THE BEHAVIORAL OR
 13 HEALTH SCIENCES AND HAS COMPLETED ONE YEAR OF EXPERIENCE IN
 14 BEHAVIORAL THERAPIES THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH BEST PRACTICE AND
 15 RESEARCH ON EFFECTIVENESS FOR PEOPLE WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM
 16 DISORDERS;

17 (C) HAS A MASTER'S DEGREE OR HIGHER IN BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
 18 AND IS NATIONALLY CERTIFIED AS A "BOARD CERTIFIED BEHAVIOR
 19 ANALYST" OR CERTIFIED BY A SIMILAR NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED
 20 ORGANIZATION;



1 (D) HAS A MASTER'S DEGREE OR HIGHER IN ONE OF THE BEHAVIOR
2 OR HEALTH SCIENCES, IS CREDENTIALLED AS A RELATED SERVICES
3 PROVIDER, AND HAS COMPLETED ONE YEAR OF DIRECT SUPERVISED
4 EXPERIENCE IN BEHAVIORAL THERAPIES THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH BEST
5 PRACTICE AND RESEARCH ON EFFECTIVENESS FOR PEOPLE WITH AUTISM
6 SPECTRUM DISORDERS. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH
7 (D), "RELATED SERVICES PROVIDER" MEANS A PHYSICAL THERAPIST,
8 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST, OR SPEECH THERAPIST.

9 (E) HAS A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE OR HIGHER IN BEHAVIORAL
10 SCIENCES AND IS NATIONALLY CERTIFIED AS A "BOARD CERTIFIED
11 ASSOCIATE BEHAVIOR ANALYST" OR CERTIFIED BY A SIMILAR NATIONALLY
12 RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION.";

13 line 22, after the period add ""HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN", AS USED IN THIS
14 SUBSECTION (1.4), DOES NOT INCLUDE INDIVIDUAL INSURANCE POLICIES."

15 Page 5, strike lines 23 through 25 and substitute the following:

16 "SERVICES PROVIDER. "THERAPEUTIC CARE" INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT
17 LIMITED TO, SPEECH, OCCUPATIONAL, AND".

18 Page 6, line 5, strike "INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO" and substitute
19 "INCLUDE";

20 line 27, strike "APPROPRIATELY QUALIFIED HEALTH CARE".

21 Page 7, strike line 1 and substitute "AUTISM SERVICES PROVIDER AND".

22 Page 8, strike lines 20 and 21 and substitute the following:

23 "DISORDERS."

24 Page 9, strike lines 15 through 27.

25 Page 10, strike lines 1 through 19 and substitute the following:

26 "(h) ANY REVIEW OF A TREATMENT PLAN OR ANY APPEAL OF A
27 DECISION REGARDING TREATMENT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE RULES OF
28 THE COMMISSIONER ON PROMPT INVESTIGATION OF HEALTH PLAN CLAIMS
29 INVOLVING UTILIZATION REVIEW AND DENIAL OF BENEFITS.



1 (i) THE COVERAGE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (1.4) MAY
2 BE SUBJECT TO OTHER GENERAL EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF THE
3 CARRIER'S HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,
4 COORDINATION OF BENEFITS, PARTICIPATING PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS,
5 RESTRICTIONS ON SERVICES PROVIDED BY FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD
6 MEMBERS, AND UTILIZATION REVIEW OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES,
7 INCLUDING THE REVIEW OF MEDICAL NECESSITY, CASE MANAGEMENT, AND
8 OTHER MANAGED CARE PROVISIONS."

9 Page 11, strike lines 24 through 27.

10 Page 12, strike lines 1 through 9.

11 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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