

SB244\_L.003

## SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chairman of Committee\_\_\_\_\_  
DateCommittee on Health and Human Services.

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

SB09-244 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 11, after line 14, insert the following:

2 "SECTION 5. 25.5-6-802 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended to read:

4 **25.5-6-802. Definitions.** As used in this part 8, unless the context  
5 otherwise requires:

6 (1) "Eligible child" means a child who:

7 (a) Is eligible for the state's medicaid program pursuant to section  
8 25.5-5-101, 25.5-5-201, or 25.5-5-203;

9 (b) Is age birth to ~~six~~ TWENTY-ONE years;

10 (c) Has a diagnosis of autism;

11 (d) Is at risk of institutionalization in either an intermediate care  
12 facility for the mentally retarded, a hospital, or a nursing facility; and

13 (e) Is not receiving services from any of the alternatives to  
14 long-term care waiver programs established in this title.

15 **SECTION 6.** 25.5-6-804 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
16 amended to read:



1           **25.5-6-804. Services - duties of the state department - rules.**  
2    (1) Subject to the provisions of this part 8, home- and community-based  
3    services for children with autism shall include ~~only~~ the following  
4    services, as specified in the eligible child's care plan, AND SERVICES  
5    EQUIVALENT TO THE SAME TYPES OF SERVICES AND COVERAGE REQUIRED  
6    TO BE PROVIDED BY PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE CARRIERS PURSUANT TO  
7    SECTION 10-16-104 (1.4), C.R.S.:

8           (a) Occupational therapy;

9           (b) Speech therapy;

10          (c) Psychological and psychiatric services;

11          (d) Physical therapy;

12          (e) Behavioral therapy; and

13          (f) Services provided under the consumer-directed care service  
14    model, part 11 of this article.

15           **SECTION 7.** 25.5-8-107 (1) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
16    amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBPARAGRAPH to read:

17           **25.5-8-107. Duties of the department - schedule of services -**  
18    **premiums - copayments - subsidies.** (1) In addition to any other duties  
19    pursuant to this article, the department shall have the following duties:

20           (a) (IV) IN ADDITION TO THE ITEMS SPECIFIED IN SUBPARAGRAPH  
21    (I), (II), AND (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH (a), THE MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD  
22    SHALL INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS  
23    EQUIVALENT TO THE SAME COVERAGE REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED BY  
24    PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE CARRIERS PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-16-104  
25    (1.4), C.R.S."

26    Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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