

Legislative Analysis



TREATMENTS OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

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House Bill 4657 as introduced
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4657 would amend Chapter 34 (Disability Insurance Policies) of the Insurance Code to add *parent implemented model of intervention* to the list of *treatments of autism spectrum disorders* (ASDs). The section that would be amended requires Michigan insurers to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of ASDs and prohibits insurers from imposing certain limits on coverage.

Treatment of autism spectrum disorder is currently defined in the code as evidence-based treatment that includes the following care prescribed or ordered for an individual diagnosed with one of the ASDs by a licensed physician or a licensed psychologist who determines the care to be medically necessary:

- Behavioral health treatment.
- Pharmacy care.
- Psychiatric care.
- Psychological care.
- Therapeutic care.

Parent implemented model of intervention would be added to that list and would be defined as an evidence-based model in which parents directly use individualized intervention practices with their children to increase positive learning opportunities and the acquisition of important skills, and in which parents learn to implement these practices in their home or community, or both, through a structured parent training program. A supervising health professional must regularly review and consider whether the model is being appropriately applied, whether it is effective, and whether it continues to be medically necessary. That review and consideration must be done in person or by use of two-way real-time audiovisual technology.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4657 would not have a significant fiscal impact on any unit of state or local government. The bill would change requirements for insurers, but the bill would not necessitate any expenditures from the state or local units of government.

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