



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5696

February Session, 2008

* HB05696INS 031108 *

AN ACT REQUIRING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER THERAPIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2009*) Each individual health
2 insurance policy providing coverage of the type specified in
3 subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general
4 statutes that is delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or
5 continued in this state on or after January 1, 2009, shall provide
6 coverage for physical therapy, speech therapy and occupational
7 therapy services for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders, as set
8 forth in the most recent edition of the American Psychiatric
9 Association's "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders",
10 to the extent such services are a covered benefit for other diseases and
11 conditions under such policy.

12 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2009*) Each group health insurance
13 policy providing coverage of the type specified in subdivisions (1), (2),
14 (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469 of the general statutes that is
15 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this
16 state on or after January 1, 2009, shall provide coverage for physical
17 therapy, speech therapy and occupational therapy services for the
18 treatment of autism spectrum disorders, as set forth in the most recent
19 edition of the American Psychiatric Association's "Diagnostic and

20 Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders", to the extent such services are
21 a covered benefit for other diseases and conditions under such policy.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2009</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2009</i>	New section

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