

Dear Committee on Insurance and Real Estate:

I support the Governor's bill 6847, "AN ACT ENHANCING ACCESS TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AND SERVICES FOR YOUTHS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER." However, I request that it be modified in section 5(c) to include treatment plans developed by Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA's). It is an essential component of behavioral intervention for a BCBA to develop a treatment plan for each client that they work with. With this modification, it would read as follows (proposed change in bold text):

Such policy shall provide coverage for the following treatments, provided such treatments are (1) medically necessary, and (2) identified and ordered by a licensed physician, licensed psychologist or licensed clinical social worker for an insured who is diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, in accordance with a treatment plan developed by a licensed physician, licensed psychologist, licensed clinical social worker, **or Board Certified Behavior Analyst** pursuant to a comprehensive evaluation or reevaluation of the insured.

Thank you for considering this request.

Kind regards,

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