

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 53rd Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 2130
Version:	FA1
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Impact:	Impact dependent on average claim cost and loss ratios

Research Analysis

Floor Amendment 1 to HB 2130 creates “Nick’s Law” to require health benefit plans to provide coverage for the prescribed treatment of diagnosed autistic disorders in individuals under 21. Treatment includes behavioral therapy with an annual \$30,000 maximum benefit for up to three years, with certain exceptions. Dollar limits, deductibles or coinsurance must not be less favorable than those for other physical illnesses covered under the plan.

The measure also defines the membership and certain duties of the Health Care for the Uninsured Board (HUB). The measure authorizes the Executive Director of the HUB to advise and aid the board in its duties and promulgate certain rules. The measure designates the Secretary of Health and Human Services to be the Executive Director.

The seven-member HUB consists of the CEO of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, the Insurance Commissioner, and representatives of certain industry groups appointed by the Governor, Pro Tem of the Senate, Speaker of the House and the Employees Benefits Council. The measure adds to the HUB’s duties, including the responsibility of applying for grants and federal Medicaid funds for the Health Care for Oklahomans Act and establishing a counseling system and website for the uninsured. It also requires the Insurance Commissioner to establish a system for certification of low-cost health insurance for certain individuals.

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Fiscal Analysis

FA1 for HB 2130 adds a provision requiring health benefit plans cover autism. The amendment limits behavioral therapy coverage to \$30,000. The most recent actuarial statement lists the following impact for autism coverage assuming certain average claim costs and loss ratios:

\$18,000 average claim cost and 75% loss ratio – 8.9% increase in premiums and \$53 million dollar impact.

\$40,000 average claim cost and 75% loss ratio – 19.8% increase in premiums and \$126 million dollar impact

\$18,000 average claim cost and 85% loss ratio – 7.8% increase in premiums and \$50 million dollar impact

\$40,000 average claim cost and 85% loss ratio – 17.4% increase in premiums and \$111 million dollar impact

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Other Considerations

None