

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

HOUSE BILL 1336

By: Lockhart

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to insurance; amending 36 O.S. 2011, Section 6060.20, which relates to equal health coverage for autistic minors; requiring health benefit plans to include coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autistic disorders; requiring certain treatments be covered; removing specification that certain coverage requirements shall not include certain diagnostic and treatment coverage; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2011, Section 6060.20, is amended to read as follows:

Section 6060.20 A. All individual and group health insurance policies that provide medical and surgical benefits shall provide the same coverage and benefits to any individual under the age of eighteen (18) years who has been diagnosed with an autistic disorder as it would provide coverage and benefits to an individual under the age of eighteen (18) years who has not been diagnosed with an autistic disorder.

1       B. All health benefit plans issued or renewed on or after  
2 November 1, 2015, shall include coverage for the diagnosis and  
3 treatment of any autistic disorder, provided such treatments are  
4 medically necessary and identified and ordered by a licensed  
5 physician, licensed psychologist or licensed clinical social worker  
6 for an insured who is diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder.

7 Treatments shall include, but not be limited to:

8       1. Behavioral therapy;

9       2. Prescription drugs;

10       3. Direct psychiatric or consultative services provided by a  
11 licensed psychiatrist;

12       4. Direct psychological or consultative services provided by a  
13 licensed psychologist;

14       5. Physical therapy provided by a licensed physical therapist;

15       6. Speech and language pathology services provided by a  
16 licensed speech and language pathologist; and

17       7. Occupational therapy provided by a licensed occupational  
18 therapist.

19       C. As used in this section, "autistic disorder" means a  
20 neurological disorder that is marked by severe impairment in social  
21 interaction, communication, and imaginative plan, with onset during  
22 the first three (3) years of life and is included in a group of  
23 disorders known as autism spectrum disorders.

1       ~~C. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require an~~  
2 ~~insurer to provide any benefits for the diagnosis or treatment of~~  
3 ~~any autistic disorder.~~

4       SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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