

**BILL SUMMARY**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 55<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB2962</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>INT</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>8851</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Rep. Nelson</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>3/7/2016</b>
<b>Impact:</b>	<b>\$3.6 million to HealthChoice</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB 2962, as introduced, requires coverage for autism by private insurance. Coverage would be provided up to age 18, as long as the individual continually improves. The yearly maximum benefit allowed is \$36,000.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

Subject: House Bill 2962

Per your request, Aon Hewitt reviewed the House Bill 2962 related to autism coverage. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring Network, about 1 in 68 children are identified with autism. Of those identified with autism 25% utilize Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA). According to the CDC, ABA for children with autism can range in cost from \$40,000 - \$60,000 per child per year<sup>1</sup>. Based on a national carrier's book of business, the average cost of ABA for children with autism is closer to \$20,000; this bill limits ABA to \$36,000 in 2018 and indexed in future years.

Based on our calculations, the fiscal impact to HealthChoice to provide coverage for children with autism is 0.25% for claims and an additional 0.35% for ABA for a total of **0.6%** or **\$3.6** million.

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**Other Considerations**

None.