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Bill No. CS/HB 913

Amendment No. ____ (for drafter's use only)

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Representative(s) Crow offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 12, between lines 7 and 8,

insert:

Section 2. Health insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorder.--

(1)(a) As used in this section, the term "autism spectrum disorder" means a neurobiological condition that includes autism, Asperger syndrome, and Rett's syndrome.

(b) Any health insurer or health maintenance organization that issues major medical expense coverage in this state may not exclude coverage prescribed by the referring physician for the treatment of autism spectrum disorder, including, but not limited to, coverage for therapeutic evaluations and interventions, such as speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, intensive early intervention, applied behavioral analysis, and behavioral therapy.

(2) Coverage for autism spectrum disorder is subject

1 to the same terms and conditions that the insurer or health
 2 maintenance organization applies to the treatment of other
 3 disorders. However, an insurer or health maintenance
 4 organization may confirm a diagnosis or review the
 5 appropriateness of a specific treatment plan in order to
 6 ensure that coverage under this section is limited to
 7 diagnostic and treatment services.

8 (3) This section does not affect the scope of
 9 licensure of any health care professional and does not impair
 10 any right to reimbursement that is otherwise guaranteed to a
 11 health care provider.

12 Section 3. The Legislature finds that the provisions
 13 of this act fulfill an important state interest.

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17 And the title is amended as follows:

18 On page 1, line 22, after the semicolon,

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 20 insert:

21 requiring certain health insurers or health
 22 maintenance organizations to include coverage
 23 for treating autism spectrum disorder;
 24 providing a definition; authorizing an insurer
 25 or health maintenance organization to confirm a
 26 diagnosis or review the appropriateness of a
 27 treatment plan; providing that the act does not
 28 affect the licensure of a health care
 29 professional or impair the right to
 30 reimbursement of a health care provider;
 31 providing a legislative finding of important

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