



1 therapeutic evaluations and interventions, speech therapy,  
2 occupational therapy, physical therapy, intensive early  
3 intervention, applied behavioral analysis, and Lovaas  
4 behavioral therapy.

5 (2) Coverage for autism spectrum disorder is subject  
6 to the same terms and conditions that the insurer or health  
7 maintenance organization applies to the treatment of other  
8 disorders. However, an insurer or health maintenance  
9 organization may confirm a diagnosis or review the  
10 appropriateness of a specific treatment plan in order to  
11 ensure that coverage under this section is limited to  
12 diagnostic and treatment services.

13 (3) The total annual payments by a health insurer or  
14 health maintenance organization for coverage under this  
15 section may not exceed \$10,000.

16 (4) This section does not affect the scope of  
17 licensure of any health care professional and does not impair  
18 any right to reimbursement which is otherwise guaranteed to a  
19 health care provider.

20 Section 2. The Legislature finds that the provisions  
21 of this act fulfill an important state interest.

22 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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25 SENATE SUMMARY

26 Requires a health insurer or health maintenance  
27 organization to include autism spectrum disorders within  
28 the coverage for major medical expenses. Requires  
29 coverage for certain types of evaluations and  
30 interventions for such disorders. Authorizes the insurer  
31 or health maintenance organization to confirm a diagnosis  
or review the appropriateness of treatment. Limits the  
coverage to \$10,000 per year. Provides that the act does  
not affect the scope of a health care professional's  
licensure or impair a health care provider's right to  
reimbursement.