



1 occupational therapy, physical therapy, intensive early  
2 intervention, applied behavioral analysis, and Lovaas  
3 behavioral therapy.

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

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

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

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

21 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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24 SENATE SUMMARY

25 Requires a health insurer or health maintenance  
26 organization to include the treatment of a minor for  
27 autism spectrum disorders within the coverage for major  
28 medical expenses. Requires coverage for certain types of  
29 evaluations and interventions for such disorders.  
30 Authorizes the insurer or health maintenance organization  
31 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.