

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to insurance coverage for autism  
 3           spectrum disorder diagnosis; amending ss. 627.6686 and  
 4           641.31098, F.S.; requiring coverage for autism  
 5           spectrum disorder diagnosis provided by a physician or  
 6           psychologist under a group health insurance policy or  
 7           group health benefit plan or under a health  
 8           maintenance contract, respectively, rather than  
 9           coverage for well-baby and well-child screening for  
 10          diagnosing the presence of the disorder; providing an  
 11          effective date.

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 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 15           Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 627.6686, Florida  
 16           Statutes, is amended to read:

17           627.6686 Coverage for individuals with autism spectrum  
 18           disorder required; exception.—

19           (3) A health insurance plan issued or renewed on or after  
 20           July 1, 2022 ~~April 1, 2009~~, shall provide coverage to an  
 21           eligible individual for:

22           (a) Diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder provided by a  
 23           physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 or a  
 24           psychologist licensed under chapter 490 ~~Well-baby and well-child~~  
 25           ~~screening for diagnosing the presence of autism spectrum~~

26 ~~disorder.~~

27 (b) Treatment of autism spectrum disorder and Down  
 28 syndrome through speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical  
 29 therapy, and applied behavior analysis. Applied behavior  
 30 analysis services shall be provided by an individual certified  
 31 pursuant to s. 393.17 or an individual licensed under chapter  
 32 490 or chapter 491.

33 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 641.31098, Florida  
 34 Statutes, is amended to read:

35 641.31098 Coverage for individuals with developmental  
 36 disabilities.—

37 (3) A health maintenance contract issued or renewed on or  
 38 after July 1, 2022 ~~April 1, 2009~~, shall provide coverage to an  
 39 eligible individual for:

40 (a) Diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder provided by a  
 41 physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 or a  
 42 psychologist licensed under chapter 490 ~~Well-baby and well-child~~  
 43 ~~screening for diagnosing the presence of autism spectrum~~  
 44 ~~disorder.~~

45 (b) Treatment of autism spectrum disorder and Down  
 46 syndrome, through speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical  
 47 therapy, and applied behavior analysis services. Applied  
 48 behavior analysis services shall be provided by an individual  
 49 certified pursuant to s. 393.17 or an individual licensed under  
 50 chapter 490 or chapter 491.

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51 |           Section 3.   This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.           |