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I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Ortiz, Schroeder) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Insurance

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to requiring health insurance policies to provide coverage for medically necessary care for the treatment of autism spectrum disorder

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Paragraph 25 of subsection (i) of section 3216 of the
2 insurance law, as added by chapter 557 of the laws of 2006, is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 (25) (A) Every policy which provides coverage for hospital, surgical,
5 or medical care coverage shall not exclude coverage for diagnosis and
6 treatment of medical conditions otherwise covered by the policy solely
7 because the treatment is provided to diagnose or treat autism spectrum
8 disorder. For purposes of this section, "autism spectrum disorder" means
9 a neurobiological condition that includes autism, Asperger syndrome,
10 Rett's syndrome, or pervasive developmental disorder.

11 (B) EVERY POLICY WHICH PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR HOSPITAL, SURGICAL, OR
12 MEDICAL CARE COVERAGE SHALL PROVIDE ANY AND ALL DIAGNOSTIC SCREENING,
13 TESTS, AND ASSESSMENTS AND TREATMENT INCLUDING MEDICAL CARE, CONSULTA-
14 TION, HABILITATION, REHABILITATION, SPEECH, BEHAVIORAL, OCCUPATIONAL AND
15 PHYSICAL THERAPIES, PEDIATRIC, NEUROLOGICAL, GASTRO-ENTEROLOGIC, AND ANY
16 OTHER MEDICALLY NECESSARY CARE THAT IS PROVIDED BY A LICENSED PROVIDER
17 REQUIRED FOR THE TREATMENT OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER, INCLUDING
18 ASPERGER'S DISORDER AND PERVASIVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS AS DETERMINED
19 BY THE TREATING PHYSICIAN.

20 S 2. Paragraph 17 of subsection (1) of section 3221 of the insurance
21 law, as added by chapter 557 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as
22 follows:

23 (17) (A) A group or blanket accident or health insurance policy or
24 issuing a group or blanket policy for delivery in this state which
25 provides coverage for hospital, surgical, or medical care coverage shall
26 not exclude coverage for diagnosis and treatment of medical conditions
27 otherwise covered by the policy because the treatment is provided to

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 diagnose or treat autism spectrum disorder. For purposes of this
2 section, "autism spectrum disorder" means a neurobiological condition
3 that includes autism, Asperger syndrome, Rett's syndrome, or pervasive
4 developmental disorder.

5 (B) EVERY POLICY WHICH PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR HOSPITAL, SURGICAL, OR
6 MEDICAL CARE COVERAGE SHALL PROVIDE ANY AND ALL DIAGNOSTIC SCREENING,
7 TESTS, AND ASSESSMENTS AND TREATMENT INCLUDING MEDICAL CARE, CONSULTA-
8 TION, HABILITATION, REHABILITATION, SPEECH, BEHAVIORAL, OCCUPATIONAL AND
9 PHYSICAL THERAPIES, PEDIATRIC, NEUROLOGICAL, GASTRO-ENTEROLOGIC, AND ANY
10 OTHER MEDICALLY NECESSARY CARE THAT IS PROVIDED BY A LICENSED PROVIDER
11 REQUIRED FOR THE TREATMENT OF AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER, INCLUDING
12 ASPERGER'S DISORDER AND PERVASIVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS AS DETERMINED
13 BY THE TREATING PHYSICIAN.

14 S 3. Subsection (ee) of section 4303 of the insurance law, as added by
15 chapter 557 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

16 (ee) (1) A medical expense indemnity corporation, a hospital service
17 corporation or a health service corporation which provides coverage for
18 hospital, surgical, or medical care coverage shall not exclude coverage
19 for diagnosis and treatment of medical conditions otherwise covered by
20 the policy solely because the treatment is provided to diagnose or treat
21 autism spectrum disorder. For purposes of this section, "autism spectrum
22 disorder" means a neurobiological condition that includes autism, Asper-
23 ger syndrome, Rett's syndrome, or pervasive developmental disorder.

24 (2) EVERY POLICY WHICH PROVIDES COVERAGE FOR HOSPITAL, SURGICAL, OR
25 MEDICAL CARE COVERAGE SHALL PROVIDE ANY AND ALL DIAGNOSTIC SCREENING,
26 TESTS, AND ASSESSMENTS AND TREATMENT INCLUDING MEDICAL CARE, CONSULTA-
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29 OTHER MEDICALLY NECESSARY CARE THAT IS PROVIDED BY A LICENSED PROVIDER
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32 BY THE TREATING PHYSICIAN.

33 S 4. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
34 ing the date on which it shall have become a law and shall apply to all
35 policies or contracts issued, renewed, modified, altered or amended on
36 and after such effective date.