



PEHP Response

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- Autism Insurance Coverage Sunset Amendments

Any Fiscal Impact - no

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Autism coverage has been available to eligible dependents covered by the State Insurance Pool since July 2012. Coverage started as a pilot program (HB 272, 2012 General Session), which was made permanent and funded by renewals instead of reserves in 2014 (HB 88, 2014 General Session). The autism benefits were also enhanced in 2014 (SB 57, 2014 General Session). The enhanced benefits added coverage to age 10, changed the behavioral health treatment benefit from \$24,000 a year to 600 hours of ABA services a year, and adjusted how benefits are applied to deductibles and out of pocket maximums. The cost to the State Risk Pool in 2016-17 was \$200,198 or \$.26 per member per month, of which \$106,000 is attributable to the SB 57(2014) benefit expansion. Because the autism benefit is funded out of State health plan rate renewals as directed by HB 88, no new appropriation is necessary by removing the sunset provision.