



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB4564

Introduced 1/21/2022, by Rep. Barbara Hernandez

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

410 ILCS 201/32 new

Amends the Autism Spectrum Disorders Reporting Act. Provides that, no later than December 31st of each year, the Department of Human Services shall submit a report to the General Assembly regarding access to applied behavior analysis therapy for people diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders. Requires the Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the Department of Insurance to provide all necessary data upon request to the Department of Human Services to facilitate the timely and accurate completion of the report. Sets forth information that the report shall include.

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1 AN ACT concerning health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Autism Spectrum Disorders Reporting Act is
5 amended by adding Section 32 as follows:

6 (410 ILCS 201/32 new)

7 Sec. 32. Reporting; access to applied behavior analysis.

8 No later than December 31st of each year, the Department of
9 Human Services shall submit a report to the General Assembly
10 regarding access to applied behavior analysis therapy for
11 people diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders. The
12 Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the
13 Department of Insurance shall provide all necessary data upon
14 request to the Department of Human Services to facilitate the
15 timely and accurate completion of this report. The report
16 shall include, but is not limited to, the following
17 information:

18 (1) The best data available regarding the number of
19 individuals in the State of Illinois trained and qualified
20 to provide applied behavior analysis therapy services,
21 and, in doing so, to supervise behavior technicians in the
22 implementation of applied behavior analysis treatment
23 plans.

1 (2) The number of individuals in the State of Illinois
2 meeting the description in paragraph (1) who are enrolled
3 with the Department of Healthcare and Family Services as
4 providers of such covered services under the Medicaid
5 Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment
6 (EPSDT) category.

7 (3) The best data available regarding the number of
8 Medicaid-enrolled children in the State of Illinois with
9 an autism spectrum disorder diagnosis, both in total and
10 as calculated by available demographic data, which may
11 include geographic region, race, age, and gender.

12 (4) The number of Medicaid-enrolled children in
13 Illinois, in total and within each demographic subgroup
14 described in paragraph (3), receiving applied behavior
15 analysis therapy services.

16 (5) The number of appeals for denial or lack of access
17 to applied behavior analysis therapy for Medicaid-enrolled
18 children with an autism spectrum disorder diagnosis.

19 (6) The number of children under age 21 in the State of
20 Illinois with an autism spectrum disorder diagnosis
21 receiving the benefit of applied behavior analysis therapy
22 from their commercial insurance provider, both in total
23 and as calculated by available demographic data, which may
24 include different geographic region, race, age, and
25 gender.

26 (7) An analysis identifying areas of inequitable

1 access to applied behavior analysis therapy for children
2 with autism spectrum disorder in Medicaid and commercial
3 insurance, in total and based upon available demographic
4 data, which may include geographic region, race, age, and
5 gender.

6 (8) Recommendations for an action plan to be
7 implemented in the following year, which shall include,
8 but not be limited to:

9 (A) requirements for targeted growth in provider
10 network adequacy that will create meaningful access to
11 applied behavior analysis therapy for children
12 enrolled in Medicaid; and

13 (B) requirements to create and make easily
14 accessible low-literacy materials that will inform and
15 educate parents of children with autism spectrum
16 disorder who are enrolled in Medicaid and eligible to
17 receive applied behavior analysis therapy treatment
18 about this benefit and how to access it.