



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB0235

by Rep. Laura Fine

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

215 ILCS 5/356z.2

Amends the Illinois Insurance Code. Provides that individual or group policies of accident and health insurance amended, delivered, issued, or renewed after the effective date of the Act shall cover charges incurred, and anesthetics provided, in conjunction with dental care that is provided to a covered individual in a dental office, oral surgeon's office, hospital, or ambulatory surgical treatment center if the individual is under age 26 and has been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder as defined in Section 10 of the Autism Spectrum Disorders Reporting Act.

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1 AN ACT concerning insurance.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Insurance Code is amended by
5 changing Section 356z.2 as follows:

6 (215 ILCS 5/356z.2)

7 Sec. 356z.2. Coverage for adjunctive services in dental
8 care.

9 (a) An individual or group policy of accident and health
10 insurance amended, delivered, issued, or renewed after the
11 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 92nd General
12 Assembly shall cover charges incurred, and anesthetics
13 provided, in conjunction with dental care that is provided to a
14 covered individual in a hospital or an ambulatory surgical
15 treatment center if any of the following applies:

16 (1) the individual is a child age 6 or under;

17 (2) the individual has a medical condition that
18 requires hospitalization or general anesthesia for dental
19 care; or

20 (3) the individual is disabled.

21 (a-5) An individual or group policy of accident and health
22 insurance amended, delivered, issued, or renewed after the
23 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 99th General

1 Assembly shall cover charges incurred, and anesthetics
2 provided, in conjunction with dental care that is provided to a
3 covered individual in a dental office, oral surgeon's office,
4 hospital, or ambulatory surgical treatment center if the
5 individual is under age 26 and has been diagnosed with an
6 autism spectrum disorder as defined in Section 10 of the Autism
7 Spectrum Disorders Reporting Act.

8 (b) For purposes of this Section, "ambulatory surgical
9 treatment center" has the meaning given to that term in Section
10 3 of the Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center Act.

11 For purposes of this Section, "disabled" means a person,
12 regardless of age, with a chronic disability if the chronic
13 disability meets all of the following conditions:

14 (1) It is attributable to a mental or physical
15 impairment or combination of mental and physical
16 impairments.

17 (2) It is likely to continue.

18 (3) It results in substantial functional limitations
19 in one or more of the following areas of major life
20 activity:

21 (A) self-care;

22 (B) receptive and expressive language;

23 (C) learning;

24 (D) mobility;

25 (E) capacity for independent living; or

26 (F) economic self-sufficiency.

1 (c) The coverage required under this Section may be subject
2 to any limitations, exclusions, or cost-sharing provisions
3 that apply generally under the insurance policy.

4 (d) This Section does not apply to a policy that covers
5 only dental care.

6 (e) Nothing in this Section requires that the dental
7 services be covered.

8 (f) The provisions of this Section do not apply to
9 short-term travel, accident-only, limited, or specified
10 disease policies, nor to policies or contracts designed for
11 issuance to persons eligible for coverage under Title XVIII of
12 the Social Security Act, known as Medicare, or any other
13 similar coverage under State or federal governmental plans.

14 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)