



PEHP Response

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SB0095 - Autism Amendments

Any Fiscal Impact - yes

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This bill would remove the current 600 hour statutory cap for ABA therapy for children with autism. On average, the State Health Insurance Pool has had five children hitting the 600 hour cap for ABA therapy out a pool of 75,366 members. Projected annual costs without the 600 hour cap is projected to be \$49,879 for the entire risk pool of which \$42,135 would be paid for by the state (see calculation below). This results in a cost of \$0.06 PMPM ($\$49,879 / 75,366 \text{ members} / 12 \text{ months}$). The prevalence of this benefit is 1 out of every 234 children (0.00428) between the ages of two and nine use ABA therapy to treat autism (38 ABA / 8,875 children between 2 and 9).

And 1 out of every 1,775 children (.00056) between 2 and 9 go over the 600 hour statutory ABA therapy cap in a year (5 over / 8,875 children). ABA therapy is reimbursed by PEHP at an average of \$37.96/hour. Of those five children that reached the cap, they typically reached the cap with 3.65 months left in the plan year. In addition, these individuals utilized an average of 72 hours per month in ABA therapy prior to hitting the hour cap limit for an average monthly cost of \$2,733.12.

Assuming that these members would continue to use ABA therapy for the remaining part of the plan year at the same rate as when the cap was in place, the expected increase in costs to the State would be \$42,135/year (5 members x 3.65 average months extra x \$2,733.12 average monthly cost x 84.5% of risk pool membership).

PEHP - no

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State Revenue - no

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Local Government - no

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Business / Individual - yes

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Increased insurance costs