

146TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FISCAL NOTE

BILL: SENATE BILL NO. 22

SPONSOR: Senator Sorenson

DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 18 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS COVERAGE.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Effective 120 days after enactment.
2. This legislation requires all individual and group health insurance policies provide coverage for individuals under the age of 21 with a medical diagnosis for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders. Coverage for applied behavior analysis services will be subject to a maximum benefit of \$36,000 annually.
3. The estimated cost for State compliance with the provisions of the Bill in the self-insured group health plans is based on forecasted current enrollee utilization by plan administrators.
4. Plan Administrators anticipate 20% utilization in the first year. Costs for Fiscal Year 2013 reflect six month funding to allow time for the development of regulations and for providers to become qualified and join insurance plans. Plan administrators anticipate it may take up to three years for services to reach the entire eligible population.
5. The Fiscal Year 2013 rates for the state employee health plan have already been established, therefore should the State Employee Benefits Committee vote to implement this legislation upon passage, the State Employee Benefits Plan would incur the entire cost for Fiscal Year 2013.
6. The cost estimates for Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015 represent the state share (68%) of the estimated basic health insurance policy cost for Fiscal Year 2013 plus a 5% to cover inflation in medical costs.
7. Future year cost projections may be affected by the implementation of the Affordable Care Act on January 1, 2014 which may remove the maximum benefit established in the legislation.

COST

Fiscal Year 2013 (6 months)	\$ 443,657
Fiscal Year 2014	\$ 914,774
Fiscal Year 2015	\$1,394,400

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