



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DPI 7/6/2007

LRB Number	07-2745/1	Introduction Number	AB-0417	Estimate Type	Original
<b>Description</b> Health insurance coverage of treatment for autism spectrum disorders					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires health insurance policies and self-insured governmental and school district health plans to cover the cost of treatment for an insured for autism, Asperger's syndrome, and pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified if the treatment is provided by a psychiatrist, a psychologist, a social worker who is certified or licensed to practice psychotherapy, a paraprofessional working under the supervision of any of those three types of providers, or a professional working under the supervision of an outpatient mental health clinic.

#### State Fiscal Effect

This bill will have no direct fiscal effect on the DPI.

#### Local Fiscal Effect

It is not possible to determine whether this bill will have any fiscal effect on local school districts. Each district separately negotiates its health insurance plan for its employees and it is not possible to predict whether their premiums will increase as a result of this bill.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

### Fiscal Estimate - 2007 Session

Original     
  Updated     
  Corrected     
  Supplemental

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<b>Fiscal Effect</b>		
<b>State:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		
<b>Local:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs                      3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs                      4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		
<b>5. Types of Local Government Units Affected</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Towns <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts		
<b>Fund Sources Affected</b> <b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GPR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEGS		
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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

ETF 6/26/2007

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<b>Description</b> Health insurance coverage of treatment for autism spectrum disorders					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires all health insurance plans offered by the Group Insurance Board (GIB) under Chapter 40 of the Wisconsin State Statutes to provide coverage for Autism Syndrome Disorder (ASD) which includes Autism, Asperger's syndrome and Pervasive Development Disorder not otherwise specified.

According to the GIB's consulting actuary, the estimated cost of this bill will be between \$3.45 and \$4.10 per member per month (pmpm). Using an estimated 162,000 members the current annual cost for the plans offered to state employees would range from \$6.7 million to \$8.0 million dollars annually. Using an estimated 30,000 members, the current annual cost for plans offered to local government employees would range from \$1.2 million to \$1.5 million.

In addition, the Department would require an additional 0.2 permanent SEG funded FTE and would incur on-going annual administrative costs of approximately \$10,000 to cover costs associated with staff training and member inquiries.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

These program costs are expected to rise faster than the average for all medical claims in the future due to the increasing rate of diagnosis of ASD.



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OCI 7/13/2007

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The Office of Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) reviews policy forms to ensure compliance with Wisconsin's laws and regulations, and responds to complaints. Ensuring that insurers comply with the requirements of this bill will be fulfilled as part of the standard activities of the office. Any additional cost will be absorbed by OCI.

In accordance with s. 601.423, Wis Stats., OCI will prepare the mandated study on the fiscal and social impacts of new mandated insurance benefits.

The fiscal effect on local Governments is indeterminate. The treatment of autism spectrum disorders is not currently a mandated coverage in Wisconsin health insurance plans and depends on the employer's desire to offer this coverage. Furthermore, an autism spectrum disorder diagnosis can vary greatly in the degree of severity, which would affect treatment options and the costs associated with those treatments. OCI does not have data that identifies how many local governments have this type coverage in their health benefit plans or the number of individuals covered by local government health care plans with an autism spectrum disorder.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications