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A Bill

SENATE BILL 507

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO
COVER APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS SERVICES FOR CERTAIN
BENEFICIARIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM
TO COVER APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS
SERVICES FOR CERTAIN BENEFICIARIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-77-154. Applied behavior analysis services.

(a) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall cover applied behavior analysis services for beneficiaries who:

- (1) Are over twenty-one (21) years of age;
- (2) Have a diagnosis of autism;
- (3) Are participants in the Community and Employment Services

Waiver; and

(4) Have received a determination from a primary care physician, attending psychologist, or psychiatrist that applied behavior analysis services are medically necessary.

(b) The applied behavior analysis services shall be delivered:

(1) Based on the needs of the beneficiary, including applied behavior analysis services on a one-to-one basis at home and in the community; and



(2) By a board certified behavior analyst or a registered behavior technician who is under the supervision of a board certified behavior analyst.

(c) The applied behavior analysis services shall not be limited or restricted to group and clinical settings.

(d) The Department of Human Services shall apply for any federal waiver, Medicaid state plan amendment, or other authorization necessary to implement this section.