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**HF 2031** – Autism Insurance Coverage, Para-professionals (LSB 5248YH)  
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**Description**

**House File 2031** deals with the definition of “autism service provider.” The definition includes the term “entity” as a provider in addition to a “person, or group.” Designing and supervising treatment are defined as providing treatment. A certified assistant behavior analyst working under supervision of a certified behavior analyst is authorized to provide treatment. Applied behavior analysis is a permitted treatment for autism.

**Background**

State employees are covered by several plans offered by Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The Department of Administrative Services and Wellmark recently expanded the definitions related to autism spectrum disorder. Dependents under age 21 receiving treatment from an applied behavior analyst or assistant are covered by the plan.

**Assumptions**

The proposed legislation codifies changes already in place for State employees.

**Fiscal Impact**

The changes in this Bill will not affect insurance costs for the State.

**Sources**

Department of Administrative Services  
Insurance Division, Department of Commerce

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/s/ Holly M. Lyons

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The fiscal note for this bill was prepared pursuant to **Joint Rule 17** and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.

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