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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to autism spectrum disorders coverage for
2 certain persons covered under group health insurance plans
3 for state employees and including applicability provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 514C.28, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code
2 2014, is amended to read as follows:

3 *b. "Autism service provider"* means a person, entity, or
4 group providing that designs, supervises, or provides treatment
5 of autism spectrum disorders. An autism service provider that
6 designs, supervises, or provides treatment of autism spectrum
7 disorders that includes applied behavioral analysis shall
8 be certified as a behavior analyst by the behavior analyst
9 certification board or shall be a health professional licensed
10 under chapter 147 or shall be certified as a behavior analyst,
11 or certified as an assistant behavior analyst working under the
12 supervision of a certified behavior analyst, by the behavior
13 analyst certification board. A certified assistant behavior
14 analyst who works under the supervision of a certified behavior
15 analyst may implement components of a treatment plan that
16 include applied behavior analysis.

17 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to plans
18 established pursuant to chapter 509A for employees of the state
19 that are delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed
20 in this state on or after January 1, 2015.

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 This bill amends Code section 514C.28 which provides autism
25 spectrum disorders coverage to certain persons under 21 years
26 of age that are covered under group health insurance plans
27 established for state employees.

28 The bill provides that an autism service provider includes
29 an entity as well as a person or group, that designs or
30 supervises, as well as provides treatment of autism spectrum
31 disorders. The bill provides that an autism service provider
32 that designs, supervises, or provides treatment of autism
33 spectrum disorders that includes applied behavioral analysis
34 must be certified as a behavior analyst by the behavior
35 analyst certification board. The bill also provides that an

1 "autism service provider" includes a person who is certified
2 by the board as an assistant behavior analyst working under
3 the supervision of a certified behavior analyst. A certified
4 assistant behavior analyst who works under the supervision of a
5 certified behavior analyst is allowed to implement components
6 of a treatment plan that include applied behavior analysis.
7 The bill is applicable to plans established pursuant to Code
8 chapter 509A for employees of the state that are delivered,
9 issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this state on or
10 after January 1, 2015.