

House Study Bill 122 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON NORDMAN)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to Hawki coverage for the treatment of autism
2 spectrum disorder applied behavior analysis services, the
3 autism support program, and making an appropriation.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 225D.2, Code 2025, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 4A. The department shall not accept new
4 applications for the program after June 30, 2025.

5 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **225D.3 Future repeal.**

6 This chapter is repealed July 1, 2027.

7 Sec. 3. Section 514I.5, subsection 4, paragraph c, Code 2025,
8 is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

9 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (18) Applied behavior analysis services
10 for the treatment of autism spectrum disorder.

11 Sec. 4. **AUTISM SUPPORT FUND — APPROPRIATION.**

12 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary under
13 section 225D.2, there is appropriated from the autism support
14 fund created in section 225D.2 to the department of health and
15 human services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and
16 ending June 30, 2026, the following amount, or so much thereof as
17 is necessary, for the purposes designated:

18 For maintenance of the healthy and well kids in Iowa (Hawki)
19 program pursuant to chapter 514I, including supplemental dental
20 services, for receipt of federal financial participation under
21 Tit. XXI of the federal Social Security Act, which creates the
22 children's health insurance program:

23 \$ 750,000

24 **EXPLANATION**

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

27 This bill relates to the healthy and well kids in Iowa program
28 (Hawki) coverage for applied behavior analysis services for the
29 treatment of autism spectrum disorder, and the autism support
30 fund.

31 The bill prohibits the department of health and human services
32 from accepting new applications for the autism support program
33 after June 30, 2025.

34 The bill repeals the autism support program July 1, 2027.

35 The bill requires the medical assistance advisory council to

1 adopt rules to include applied behavior analysis services for
2 the treatment of autism as benefits covered in a qualified child
3 health plan included in a benchmark or benchmark equivalent plan
4 and which comply with Tit. XXI of the federal Social Security
5 Act.

6 The bill appropriates \$750,000 from the autism support fund
7 to Hawki for FY 2025-2026 for purposes of maintaining the Hawki
8 program.

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