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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The department of health and department of  
2 human services shall develop and adopt rules, policies, and plan  
3 amendments necessary to ensure that the state medicaid program  
4 covers medically necessary services, including applied behavior  
5 analysis services, for individuals aged twenty-one and older  
6 with neurodevelopmental disorders, including autism spectrum  
7 disorder.

8           SECTION 2. The department of health and department of  
9 human services shall apply for any necessary approvals from the  
10 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to amend the state  
11 medicaid plan to provide reimbursements for medically necessary  
12 services, including applied behavior analysis services to  
13 medicaid-eligible persons over the age of twenty-one diagnosed  
14 with autism spectrum disorder.

15           SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$                    or so  
17 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and



1 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
2 year 2024-2025 for the department of health and department of  
3 human services to develop and adopt rules, policies, and plan  
4 amendments necessary to ensure that the state medicaid program  
5 covers medically necessary services, including applied behavior  
6 analysis services, for individuals aged twenty-one and older  
7 with neurodevelopmental disorders, including autism spectrum  
8 disorder.

9 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
10 of human services for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Medicaid; Coverage; Autism Spectrum Disorder; Applied Behavior Analysis; Department of Health; Department of Human Services; Appropriations

**Description:**

Requires the Department of Health and Department of Human Services to develop and adopt rules, policies, and plan amendments necessary to ensure that the state Medicaid program covers medically necessary services, including applied behavior analysis services, for individuals aged twenty-one and older with neurodevelopmental disorders, including autism spectrum disorder. Requires the Department of Health and Department of Human Services to apply for any necessary approvals from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to amend the state Medicaid plan to provide reimbursements for medically necessary services, including applied behavior analysis services to Medicaid-eligible individuals over the age of twenty-one diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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