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A Bill

SENATE BILL 507

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

14 TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM
15 TO COVER APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS
16 SERVICES FOR CERTAIN BENEFICIARIES.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is
22 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 20-77-154. Applied behavior analysis services.

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

26 (1) Are over twenty-one (21) years of age;

27 (2) Have a diagnosis of autism;

28 (3) Are participants in the Community and Employment Services

29 Waiver; and

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

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

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



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

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

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

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