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H.B. No. 1321

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to health benefit plan coverage for certain children
3 diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 1355.015(a), Insurance Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) At a minimum, a health benefit plan must provide
8 coverage as provided by this section to an enrollee who is diagnosed
9 with autism spectrum disorder from the date of diagnosis until the
10 enrollee completes 17 [~~nine~~] years of age. If an enrollee who is
11 being treated for autism spectrum disorder becomes 18 [~~10~~] years of
12 age or older and continues to need treatment, this subsection does
13 not preclude coverage of treatment and services described by
14 Subsection (b).

15 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
16 to a health benefit plan that is delivered, issued for delivery, or
17 renewed on or after the effective date of this Act. A health
18 benefit plan that is delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed
19 before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in
20 effect at the time the health benefit plan is delivered, issued for
21 delivery, or renewed, and that law is continued in effect for that
22 purpose.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.