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S.B. No. 813

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to benefit plan coverage for autism spectrum disorder.

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

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

(e) This section applies to a group health benefit plan described by Section 1355.002 and, notwithstanding Section 1355.002(a) or [Notwithstanding] any other law, this section also applies [does not apply] to:

(1) an individual health benefit plan that provides benefits for medical or surgical expenses incurred as a result of a health condition, accident, or sickness, including an insurance policy, agreement, contract, or evidence of coverage offered by an entity described by Sections 1355.002(a)(1)(A)-(E);

(2) a small employer health benefit plan subject to Chapter 1501;

(3) an employee welfare benefit plan that provides health benefits and that is established in accordance with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. Section 1001, et seq.), including a self-insured or self-funded employee welfare benefit plan; and

(4) a standard health benefit plan provided under Chapter 1507.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only

1 to an insurance policy, agreement, contract, evidence of coverage,
2 or other plan document delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed
3 on or after January 1, 2014. An insurance policy, agreement,
4 contract, evidence of coverage, or other plan document delivered,
5 issued for delivery, or renewed before January 1, 2014, is governed
6 by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this
7 Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.