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H.B. No. 3986

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to coverage by certain health benefit plans for certain services prescribed to treat autism spectrum disorder.

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

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

(c) For purposes of Subsection (b), "generally recognized services" may include services such as:

- (1) evaluation and assessment services;
- (2) applied behavior analysis;
- (3) behavior training and behavior management;
- (4) speech therapy;
- (5) occupational therapy;
- (6) physical therapy; ~~or~~
- (7) medications or nutritional supplements used to address symptoms of autism spectrum disorder; or
- (8) recreational therapy.

SECTION 2. Section 1355.015, Insurance Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a health benefit plan that is delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2016. A health benefit plan delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed before January 1, 2016, is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.