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4  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 252

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MANDATE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR TREATMENT OF  
9 PEDIATRIC AUTOIMMUNE NEUROPSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS  
10 ASSOCIATED WITH STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTION AND PEDIATRIC  
11 ACUTE-ONSET NEUROPSYCHIATRIC SYNDROME; AND FOR OTHERS  
12 PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

16 TO MANDATE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR  
17 TREATMENT OF PEDIATRIC AUTOIMMUNE  
18 NEUROPSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS ASSOCIATED  
19 WITH STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTION AND  
20 PEDIATRIC ACUTE-ONSET NEUROPSYCHIATRIC  
21 SYNDROME.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 79, is amended to add an  
27 additional subchapter to read as follows:

28 Subchapter 18 – Coverage for Services of Pediatric Autoimmune  
29 Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections and  
30 Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome.

32 23-79-1801. Coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune  
33 neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and  
34 pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.

35 (a) A health benefit plan that is amended, delivered, issued, or  
36 renewed after January 1, 2020, shall provide coverage for treatment of



1 pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal  
2 infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome, including  
3 without limitation the use of intravenous immunoglobulin therapy.

4 (b) If at any time the United States Secretary of Health and Human  
5 services, or his or her designee, promulgates rules or regulations to be  
6 published in the Federal Register, publishes a comment in the Federal  
7 Register, or issues an opinion, guidance, or other action that would require  
8 the state, pursuant to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub.  
9 L. No. 111-148, as amended by Pub. L. No. 111-152, including without  
10 limitation 42 U.S.C. § 18031(d)(3)(B), to defray the cost of coverage for  
11 pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal  
12 infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome as described  
13 in subsection (a) of this section, then the requirement that an insurer cover  
14 pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal  
15 infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome as described  
16 in subsection (a) of this section does not apply other than any such coverage  
17 authorized under section 1902 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1396a.

18 (c) The state shall not assume any obligation for the cost of coverage  
19 for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with  
20 streptococcal infections and pediatric acute-onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.

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