
SENATE BILL NO. 96—SENATOR OHRENSCHALL

FEBRUARY 3, 2021

JOINT SPONSOR: ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to services provided to persons with autism spectrum disorders. (BDR S-89)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to disability services; requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to seek an increase to certain reimbursement rates under the Medicaid program and the Autism Treatment Assistance Program for a registered behavior technician; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to
2 administer the Medicaid program. (NRS 422.270) This bill requires the Department
3 to submit to the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services on or before
4 October 1, 2021, a request to amend the State Plan for Medicaid to increase the rate
5 of reimbursement which is provided on a fee-for-service basis for services provided
6 by a registered behavior technician to at least \$48 per hour. If that request is
7 approved, this bill requires the Autism Treatment Assistance Program, which is
8 established within the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department to
9 serve as the primary autism program within the Department, to pay a rate of
10 reimbursement for such services that is equal to or greater than the rate of
11 reimbursement provided under Medicaid. (NRS 427A.875)



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

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Section 1. 1. On or before October 1, 2021, the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit to the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services a request to amend the State Plan for Medicaid to increase the rate of reimbursement which is provided on a fee-for-service basis pursuant to the State Plan for services provided by a registered behavior technician to at least \$48 per hour for each hour that such services are provided. The request must be supported using methods for determining reimbursement rates accepted by the Secretary.

2. If the amendment to the State Plan requested pursuant to subsection 1 is approved, the Autism Treatment Assistance Program established by NRS 427A.875 must provide a rate of reimbursement for services provided by a registered behavior technician equal to or greater than the rate of reimbursement provided for such services pursuant to the State Plan beginning January 1, 2022, or when the amendment is approved if the amendment is approved after that date.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

