

Illinois Autism Mandate Law

- Benefit Details
 - Children under the age of 21 will receive coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders.
 - There are yearly funding caps for individual grandfathered non-group plans.
 - The inflation-adjusted annual limit (cap) for 2019 is \$48,272.19 for individual grandfathered plans.
 - Due to essential health benefits laws under the ACA, there are no caps for group grandfathered plans.
 - The law also requires coverage for the following treatments:
 - Psychiatric care provided by a licensed psychiatrist;
 - Psychological care provided by a licensed psychologist;
 - Habilitative or rehabilitative care -counseling and treatment programs intended to develop, maintain, and restore the functioning of an individual, including Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA);
 - Therapeutic care, including behavioral, speech, occupational, and physical therapies addressing the following areas: Self-care and feeding, Pragmatic, receptive, and expressive language, Cognitive functioning, Applied behavioral analysis, intervention, and modification, Motor planning and Sensory processing.
- Health Plans Impacted.
 - Individual & Family Non-Group Grandfathered Health Plans – Broker
 - Fully Funded Group Grandfathered Health Plans
 - State, County, Municipal Employees and Employees subject to School Codes
- Illinois Autism Mandate Legislative Language
 - [Link](#) to Illinois Statue 215, Autism Mandate passed in 2008 (215 ILCS 5/356z.14)
 - [IL Mandate Expanded for other Diagnosis 2009 \(2\)](#) The Illinois Statue 215 amendment in 2009 added habilitative services for children less than 19 years of age with a congenital, genetic or early acquired disorder, including autism spectrum disorders. (215 ILCS 5/356z.15)
- Illinois Department of Insurance - [Autism Benefit FAQ](#)