

Frequently Asked Questions about the Pennsylvania Autism Insurance Law

1. Pennsylvania Autism Insurance Law History

Act 62 (HB 1150) was enacted July 9, 2008.

2. To which plan types does the Pennsylvania autism insurance law apply and what is the effective date of coverage?

Plan Type	Subject to Terms of Bill?	Effective Date	Comments
State Employee Health Plans	Yes	July 1, 2009	
Individual Plans	No	NA	
Fully insured large group plans	Yes	July 1, 2009	
Fully insured small group plans	No	NA	

3. Which autism services are required to be covered by the law?

- Diagnosis
- Pharmacy care
- Psychiatric care
- Psychological care
- Rehabilitative care (e.g. Applied Behavior Analysis)
- Therapeutic care (e.g., speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy)

4. Does the law impose age limits or annual dollar caps on coverage?

Coverage for the treatment of autism is limited to individuals under 21 years of age and is subject to a maximum benefit of \$36,000/year.

5. Where can I find more details about the Pennsylvania autism insurance law?

A copy of Act 62 (HB 1150) as enrolled can be found [here](#).

6. Other comments about the law.

For purposes of this law, "rehabilitative care" is defined as "professional services and treatment programs, including applied behavioral analysis, provided by an autism service provider to produce socially significant improvements in human behavior or to prevent loss of attained skill or function."

If you have additional questions, please email advocacy@autismspeaks.org.

