

Frequently Asked Questions about the Virginia Autism Insurance Law

1. Virginia Autism Insurance Law History

House Bill 2467 (same as Senate Bill 1062) was enacted May 6, 2011.

2. To which plan types does the Virginia 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	Jan 1, 2012	
Individual Plans	No	NA	
Fully insured large group plans	Yes	Jan 1, 2012	
Fully insured small group plans	No	NA	

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

- Diagnosis
- Behavioral health treatment
- Pharmacy care
- Psychiatric care
- Psychological care
- Therapeutic care (e.g., services provided by licensed or certified speech language pathologists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, or social workers)
- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)

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

Coverage is limited to individuals with autism between the ages of 2 through 6 years.
Coverage for Applied Behavior Analysis is subject to a maximum annual benefit of \$35,000.

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

A copy of HB 2467 as enrolled can be found [here](#).

6. Other comments about the law.

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

