

CHAPTER 102**(HB 100)**

AN ACT relating to insurance coverage of autism spectrum disorders.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF SUBTITLE 17A OF KRS CHAPTER 304 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) *An insurer offering a health benefit plan that provides benefits for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders shall make available to members a liaison to facilitate communication between the member and the insurer.*
- (2) *The responsibilities of the liaison shall include but not be limited to:*
 - (a) *Explaining to the member the benefits for the treatment of autism under the member's health benefit plan and the specific process to access those benefits;*
 - (b) *Explaining to the member the process for prior authorization of treatment, including communicating specific documentation needed from the member or provider for the insurer to consider the request;*
 - (c) *Monitoring the adjudication of the member's claims for the treatment of autism services;*
 - (d) *Explaining to the member the proper coding to use when submitting claims for applied behavioral analysis therapy and any supporting documentation required to be attached to the claim;*
 - (e) *Explaining to the member, upon request, how claims for the treatment of autism services were adjudicated, including the application of any deductibles, copayments, coinsurance, and benefit limitations; and*
 - (f) *Explaining to the member, upon request, any appeal rights the member may have regarding coverage for the treatment of autism that has been denied or limited.*

Signed by Governor April 13, 2016.