

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY STATE FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION
2016 REGULAR SESSION**

MEASURE

2016 BR NUMBER **1723**

HOUSE BILL NUMBER **629/GA**

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

AMENDMENT NUMBER _____

SUBJECT/TITLE **An ACT relating to insurance coverage of autism spectrum disorders.**

SPONSOR **Representative Overly**

NOTE SUMMARY

FISCAL ANALYSIS: IMPACT NO IMPACT INDETERMINABLE IMPACT

LEVEL(S) OF IMPACT: STATE LOCAL FEDERAL

BUDGET UNIT(S) IMPACT: _____

FUND(S) IMPACT: GENERAL ROAD FEDERAL RESTRICTED AGENCY _____ OTHER

FISCAL SUMMARY

FISCAL ESTIMATES	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
REVENUES				
EXPENDITURES				
NET EFFECT				

() indicates a decrease/negative

MEASURE'S PURPOSE: HB 629/GA requires all health benefit plans issued or renewed after the effective date to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders and sets maximum annual benefits for large group health benefit plans and all health benefit plans in the individual and small group market. The measure also requires insurers to maintain a Web page on their Web site to provide information on filing claims for autism coverage.

PROVISIONS/MECHANICS:

Section 1 defines terms.

Section 2 amends KRS 304.17A-142 to require any health benefit plan issued or renewed after the effective date of this act to provide coverage of individuals between the ages of one through twenty-one years of age for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders. The maximum annual benefit shall be \$50,000 per individual for large group health benefit plans for individuals between the ages of one and seven. For individuals between seven and twenty-one, the maximum benefit shall be \$1,000 per month per individual. For all health benefit plans in the

individual and small group market between ages of one and twenty-one, the maximum benefit shall be \$1,000 per month per individual. Providers must also maintain a Web page on their Web site providing information on filing claims for autism coverage. The measure requires the commissioner of insurance to promulgate administrative regulations setting the information requirements for the Web page.

Section 3 repeals KRS 304.17A-143, Coverage for treatment of autism in the individual and small group market.

FISCAL EXPLANATION: The Department of Insurance has stated there is no fiscal impact to the state for this measure.

DATA SOURCE(S): LRC staff and DOI

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