MR. CHAIRMAN:

I move to amend SB 250, as amended by House Committee, on page 1, in line 4, before "Section" by inserting "New";

On page 2, following line 1, by inserting:

"New Sec. 2. From and after July 1, 2012: (a) (1) Any individual or group health insurance policy, medical service plan, contract, hospital service corporation contract, hospital and medical service corporation contract, fraternal benefit society or health maintenance organization which provides coverage for accident and health services and which is delivered, issued for delivery, amended or renewed on or after July 1, 2012, shall provide coverage for the treatment and diagnosis of autism spectrum disorders in any covered individual whose age is less than 19 years.

(2) Such coverage shall be provided in a manner determined in consultation with the autism services provider and the patient. Services provided by an autism services provider under this section shall include applied behavior analysis when required by a licensed physician, licensed psychologist or licensed specialist clinical social worker but otherwise shall be limited to those services prescribed or ordered by a licensed physician, licensed psychologist or licensed specialist clinical social worker. Services provided pursuant to this paragraph shall be those services which are or have been recognized by peer reviewed literature as providing medical benefit to the patient based upon the patient’s particular autism spectrum disorder.

(3) Coverage for benefits for any covered person diagnosed with one or more autism spectrum disorders and whose age is between birth and less than seven years shall not exceed $36,000 per year.

(4) Coverage for benefits for any covered person diagnosed with one or more autism spectrum
disorders and whose age is at least seven years and less than 19 years shall not exceed $27,000 per year.

(5) Reimbursement shall be allowed only for services provided by a provider licensed, trained and qualified to provide such services or by an autism specialist or an intensive individual service provider as such terms are defined by the department of social and rehabilitation services Kansas autism waiver.

(6) Any insurer or other entity which administers claims for services provided for the treatment of autism spectrum disorder under this section, shall have the right and obligation to deny any claim for services based upon medical necessity or a determination that the covered individual has reached the maximum medical improvement for the covered individual's autism spectrum disorder.

(7) Except for inpatient services, if an insured is receiving treatment for an autism spectrum disorder, such insurer shall have the right to review the treatment plan annually, unless the insurer and the insured's treating physician or psychologist agree that a more frequent review is necessary. Any such agreement regarding the right to review a treatment plan more frequently shall apply only to a particular insured being treated for an autism spectrum disorder and shall not apply to all individuals being treated for autism spectrum disorder by a physician or psychologist. The cost of obtaining any review or treatment plan shall be borne by the insurer.

(8) No insurer can terminate coverage, or refuse to deliver, execute, issue, amend, adjust, or renew coverage to an individual solely because the individual is diagnosed with or has received treatment for an autism spectrum disorder.

(b) For the purposes of this section:

(1) "Applied behavior analysis" means the design, implementation and evaluation of environmental modifications, using behavioral stimuli and consequences, to produce socially significant improvement in human behavior, including the use of direct observation, measurement and
functional analysis of the relationship between environment and behavior.

(2) "Autism spectrum disorder" means the following disorders within the autism spectrum: Autistic disorder, Asperger's syndrome and pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified, as such terms are specified in the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders, fourth edition, text revision (DSM-IV-TR), of the American psychiatric association, as published in May, 2000, or later versions as established in rules and regulations adopted by the behavioral sciences regulatory board pursuant to K.S.A. 74-7507, and amendments thereto.

(3) "Diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder" means any medically necessary assessment, evaluation or test to determine whether an individual has an autism spectrum disorder.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a), no individual or group health insurance policy, medical service plan, contract, hospital service corporation contract, hospital and medical service corporation contract, fraternal benefit society or health maintenance organization which provides coverage for accident and health services and which provides coverage with respect to an autism spectrum disorder shall:

(1) Impose on the coverage required by this section any dollar limits, deductibles or coinsurance provisions that are less favorable to an insured than the dollar limits, deductibles or coinsurance provisions that apply to physical illness generally under the accident and sickness insurance policy; or

(2) Impose on the coverage required by this section any limit upon the number of visits that a covered individual may make for treatment of autism spectrum disorder.

(d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any policy or certificate which provides coverage for any specified disease, specified accident or accident only coverage, credit, dental, disability income, hospital indemnity, long-term care insurance as defined by K.S.A. 40-2227, and amendments thereto, vision care or any other limited supplemental benefit nor to any medicare
supplement policy of insurance as defined by the commissioner of insurance by rules and regulations, any coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance, workers compensation or similar insurance, automobile medical-payment insurance or any insurance under which benefits are payable with or without regard to fault, whether written on a group, blanket or individual basis.

(e) This section shall not be construed as limiting benefits that are otherwise available to an individual under any individual or group health insurance policy, medical service plan, contract, hospital service corporation contract, hospital and medical service corporation contract, fraternal benefit society or health maintenance organization which provides coverage for accident and health services.

(f) The provisions of this section shall be applicable to the Kansas state employees health care benefits program and municipal funded pools.

(g) The provisions of K.S.A. 40-2249a, and amendments thereto, shall not apply to the provisions of this section.

(h) To the extent that the provisions of this section require benefits that exceed the essential health benefits specified under section 1302(b) of the patient protection and affordable care act, Pub. L. No. 111-148, as amended, no health benefit plan offered by a health insurer in this state shall be required to offer any specific benefits required by this section that exceed the specified essential benefits specified under section 1302(b) of the patient protection and affordable care act, Pub. L. No. 111-148, as amended.

Sec. 3. From and after July 1, 2012, K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 40-2,103 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-2,103. The requirements of K.S.A. 40-2,100, 40-2,101, 40-2,102, 40-2,104, 40-2,105, 40-2,114, 40-2,160, 40-2,165 through 40-2,170, inclusive, 40-2250, K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 40-2,105a, 40-2,105b, 40-2,184 and, 40-2,190 and section 2, and amendments thereto, shall apply to all insurance policies, subscriber contracts or certificates of insurance delivered, renewed or issued for delivery
within or outside of this state or used within this state by or for an individual who resides or is employed in this state.


(b) No policy, agreement, contract or certificate issued by a corporation to which this section applies shall contain a provision which excludes, limits or otherwise restricts coverage because medicaid benefits as permitted by title XIX of the social security act of 1965 are or may be available for the same accident or illness.

(c) Violation of subsection (b) shall be subject to the penalties prescribed by K.S.A. 40-2407 and 40-2411, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 5. On and after July 1, 2012, K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 40-2,103 and 40-19c09 are hereby repealed.

And by renumbering sections accordingly;
On page 1, in the title, in line 1, after "ACT" by inserting "concerning insurance; providing coverage for autism spectrum disorder;"; also in line 1, after "firefighters" by inserting "; amending K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 40-2,103 and 40-19c09 and repealing the existing sections"

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