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**A B I L L**

To amend sections 1751.01, 3923.281, and 3923.282 of 1  
the Revised Code to include pervasive 2  
developmental disorders in the mental health 3  
insurance parity law. 4

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 1751.01, 3923.281, and 3923.282 of 5  
the Revised Code be amended to read as follows: 6

**Sec. 1751.01.** As used in this chapter: 7

(A)(1) "Basic health care services" means the following 8  
services when medically necessary: 9

(a) Physician's services, except when such services are 10  
supplemental under division (B) of this section; 11

(b) Inpatient hospital services; 12

(c) Outpatient medical services; 13

(d) Emergency health services; 14

(e) Urgent care services; 15

(f) Diagnostic laboratory services and diagnostic and 16  
therapeutic radiologic services; 17

(g) Diagnostic and treatment services, other than 18  
prescription drug services, for biologically based mental 19  
illnesses; 20

(h) Preventive health care services, including, but not 21  
limited to, voluntary family planning services, infertility 22  
services, periodic physical examinations, prenatal obstetrical 23  
care, and well-child care; 24

(i) Routine patient care for patients enrolled in an eligible 25  
cancer clinical trial pursuant to section 3923.80 of the Revised 26  
Code. 27

"Basic health care services" does not include experimental 28  
procedures. 29

Except as provided by divisions (A)(2) and (3) of this 30  
section in connection with the offering of coverage for diagnostic 31  
and treatment services for biologically based mental illnesses, a 32  
health insuring corporation shall not offer coverage for a health 33  
care service, defined as a basic health care service by this 34  
division, unless it offers coverage for all listed basic health 35  
care services. However, this requirement does not apply to the 36  
coverage of beneficiaries enrolled in medicare pursuant to a 37  
medicare contract, or to the coverage of beneficiaries enrolled in 38  
the federal employee health benefits program pursuant to 5 39  
U.S.C.A. 8905, or to the coverage of medicaid recipients, or to 40  
the coverage of beneficiaries under any federal health care 41  
program regulated by a federal regulatory body, or to the coverage 42  
of beneficiaries under any contract covering officers or employees 43  
of the state that has been entered into by the department of 44  
administrative services. 45

(2)(a) A health insuring corporation may offer coverage for 46  
diagnostic and treatment services for biologically based mental 47  
illnesses without offering coverage for all other basic health 48

care services. A health insuring corporation may offer coverage 49  
for diagnostic and treatment services for biologically based 50  
mental illnesses alone or in combination with one or more 51  
supplemental health care services. However, a health insuring 52  
corporation that offers coverage for any other basic health care 53  
service shall offer coverage for diagnostic and treatment services 54  
for biologically based mental illnesses in combination with the 55  
offer of coverage for all other listed basic health care services. 56

(b) Coverage for diagnostic and treatment services for 57  
biologically based mental illnesses related to pervasive 58  
developmental disorders shall include applied behavior analysis 59  
when provided or supervised by an analyst certified by the 60  
behavior analyst certification board or by a state licensed 61  
physician or psychologist, or a mental health professional, as 62  
defined in division (A)(1)(d) of section 2305.51 of the Revised 63  
Code, so long as the services performed are commensurate with the 64  
physician's, psychologist's, or mental health professional's 65  
training and supervised experience. Such coverage shall include 66  
the services of the personnel who work under the supervision of 67  
the analyst certified by the behavior analyst certification board 68  
or the licensed physician or psychologist or the mental health 69  
professional. 70

(c) A health insuring corporation may subject coverage for 71  
applied behavior analysis to an annual maximum benefit of fifty 72  
thousand dollars. 73

(d) On and after January 1, 2014, to the extent that division 74  
(A)(2)(b) of this section results in the state paying the cost of 75  
benefits that exceed the essential health benefits specified under 76  
section 1302(b) of the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care 77  
Act," 42 U.S.C. 18022(b), as amended, those benefits that exceed 78  
the specified essential health benefits shall not be required of 79  
health benefit plans in the individual market or in the small 80

group market that are offered by a health insuring corporation in 81  
this state either through or outside a health insurance exchange 82  
operated by the state or by the federal government. 83

(e) "Applied behavior analysis" means the design, 84  
implementation, and evaluation of environmental modifications 85  
using behavioral stimuli and consequences to produce socially 86  
significant improvement in human behavior, that is delivered in a 87  
home or clinic setting to address core deficits resulting from a 88  
medical diagnosis of pervasive developmental disorder. "Applied 89  
behavior analysis" includes the use of direct observation, 90  
measurement, and functional analysis of the relationship between 91  
environment and behavior. 92

(3) A health insuring corporation that offers coverage for 93  
basic health care services is not required to offer coverage for 94  
diagnostic and treatment services for biologically based mental 95  
illnesses in combination with the offer of coverage for all other 96  
listed basic health care services if all of the following apply: 97

(a) The health insuring corporation submits documentation 98  
certified by an independent member of the American academy of 99  
actuaries to the superintendent of insurance showing that incurred 100  
claims for diagnostic and treatment services for biologically 101  
based mental illnesses for a period of at least six months 102  
independently caused the health insuring corporation's costs for 103  
claims and administrative expenses for the coverage of basic 104  
health care services to increase by more than one per cent per 105  
year. 106

(b) The health insuring corporation submits a signed letter 107  
from an independent member of the American academy of actuaries to 108  
the superintendent of insurance opining that the increase in costs 109  
described in division (A)(3)(a) of this section could reasonably 110  
justify an increase of more than one per cent in the annual 111  
premiums or rates charged by the health insuring corporation for 112

the coverage of basic health care services.	113
(c) The superintendent of insurance makes the following	114
determinations from the documentation and opinion submitted	115
pursuant to divisions (A)(3)(a) and (b) of this section:	116
(i) Incurred claims for diagnostic and treatment services for	117
biologically based mental illnesses for a period of at least six	118
months independently caused the health insuring corporation's	119
costs for claims and administrative expenses for the coverage of	120
basic health care services to increase by more than one per cent	121
per year.	122
(ii) The increase in costs reasonably justifies an increase	123
of more than one per cent in the annual premiums or rates charged	124
by the health insuring corporation for the coverage of basic	125
health care services.	126
Any determination made by the superintendent under this	127
division is subject to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.	128
(B)(1) "Supplemental health care services" means any health	129
care services other than basic health care services that a health	130
insuring corporation may offer, alone or in combination with	131
either basic health care services or other supplemental health	132
care services, and includes:	133
(a) Services of facilities for intermediate or long-term	134
care, or both;	135
(b) Dental care services;	136
(c) Vision care and optometric services including lenses and	137
frames;	138
(d) Podiatric care or foot care services;	139
(e) Mental health services, excluding diagnostic and	140
treatment services for biologically based mental illnesses;	141
(f) Short-term outpatient evaluative and crisis-intervention	142

mental health services;	143
(g) Medical or psychological treatment and referral services	144
for alcohol and drug abuse or addiction;	145
(h) Home health services;	146
(i) Prescription drug services;	147
(j) Nursing services;	148
(k) Services of a dietitian licensed under Chapter 4759. of	149
the Revised Code;	150
(l) Physical therapy services;	151
(m) Chiropractic services;	152
(n) Any other category of services approved by the	153
superintendent of insurance.	154
(2) If a health insuring corporation offers prescription drug	155
services under this division, the coverage shall include	156
prescription drug services for the treatment of biologically based	157
mental illnesses on the same terms and conditions as other	158
physical diseases and disorders.	159
(C) "Specialty health care services" means one of the	160
supplemental health care services listed in division (B) of this	161
section, when provided by a health insuring corporation on an	162
outpatient-only basis and not in combination with other	163
supplemental health care services.	164
(D) "Biologically based mental illnesses" means	165
schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, major depressive	166
disorder, bipolar disorder, paranoia and other psychotic	167
disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and panic disorder, as	168
these terms are defined in the most recent edition of the	169
diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders published by	170
the American psychiatric association, <u>and pervasive developmental</u>	171
<u>disorders.</u>	172

(E) "Closed panel plan" means a health care plan that	173
requires enrollees to use participating providers.	174
(F) "Compensation" means remuneration for the provision of	175
health care services, determined on other than a fee-for-service	176
or discounted-fee-for-service basis.	177
(G) "Contractual periodic prepayment" means the formula for	178
determining the premium rate for all subscribers of a health	179
insuring corporation.	180
(H) "Corporation" means a corporation formed under Chapter	181
1701. or 1702. of the Revised Code or the similar laws of another	182
state.	183
(I) "Emergency health services" means those health care	184
services that must be available on a seven-days-per-week,	185
twenty-four-hours-per-day basis in order to prevent jeopardy to an	186
enrollee's health status that would occur if such services were	187
not received as soon as possible, and includes, where appropriate,	188
provisions for transportation and indemnity payments or service	189
agreements for out-of-area coverage.	190
(J) "Enrollee" means any natural person who is entitled to	191
receive health care benefits provided by a health insuring	192
corporation.	193
(K) "Evidence of coverage" means any certificate, agreement,	194
policy, or contract issued to a subscriber that sets out the	195
coverage and other rights to which such person is entitled under a	196
health care plan.	197
(L) "Health care facility" means any facility, except a	198
health care practitioner's office, that provides preventive,	199
diagnostic, therapeutic, acute convalescent, rehabilitation,	200
mental health, mental retardation, intermediate care, or skilled	201
nursing services.	202

(M) "Health care services" means basic, supplemental, and 203  
specialty health care services. 204

(N) "Health delivery network" means any group of providers or 205  
health care facilities, or both, or any representative thereof, 206  
that have entered into an agreement to offer health care services 207  
in a panel rather than on an individual basis. 208

(O) "Health insuring corporation" means a corporation, as 209  
defined in division (H) of this section, that, pursuant to a 210  
policy, contract, certificate, or agreement, pays for, reimburses, 211  
or provides, delivers, arranges for, or otherwise makes available, 212  
basic health care services, supplemental health care services, or 213  
specialty health care services, or a combination of basic health 214  
care services and either supplemental health care services or 215  
specialty health care services, through either an open panel plan 216  
or a closed panel plan. 217

"Health insuring corporation" does not include a limited 218  
liability company formed pursuant to Chapter 1705. of the Revised 219  
Code, an insurer licensed under Title XXXIX of the Revised Code if 220  
that insurer offers only open panel plans under which all 221  
providers and health care facilities participating receive their 222  
compensation directly from the insurer, a corporation formed by or 223  
on behalf of a political subdivision or a department, office, or 224  
institution of the state, or a public entity formed by or on 225  
behalf of a board of county commissioners, a county board of 226  
developmental disabilities, an alcohol and drug addiction services 227  
board, a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health 228  
services, or a community mental health board, as those terms are 229  
used in Chapters 340. and 5126. of the Revised Code. Except as 230  
provided by division (D) of section 1751.02 of the Revised Code, 231  
or as otherwise provided by law, no board, commission, agency, or 232  
other entity under the control of a political subdivision may 233  
accept insurance risk in providing for health care services. 234

However, nothing in this division shall be construed as 235  
prohibiting such entities from purchasing the services of a health 236  
insuring corporation or a third-party administrator licensed under 237  
Chapter 3959. of the Revised Code. 238

(P) "Intermediary organization" means a health delivery 239  
network or other entity that contracts with licensed health 240  
insuring corporations or self-insured employers, or both, to 241  
provide health care services, and that enters into contractual 242  
arrangements with other entities for the provision of health care 243  
services for the purpose of fulfilling the terms of its contracts 244  
with the health insuring corporations and self-insured employers. 245

(Q) "Intermediate care" means residential care above the 246  
level of room and board for patients who require personal 247  
assistance and health-related services, but who do not require 248  
skilled nursing care. 249

(R) "Medicaid" has the same meaning as in section 5111.01 of 250  
the Revised Code. 251

(S) "Medical record" means the personal information that 252  
relates to an individual's physical or mental condition, medical 253  
history, or medical treatment. 254

(T) "Medicare" means the program established under Title 255  
XVIII of the "Social Security Act" 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C. 256  
1395, as amended. 257

(U)(1) "Open panel plan" means a health care plan that 258  
provides incentives for enrollees to use participating providers 259  
and that also allows enrollees to use providers that are not 260  
participating providers. 261

(2) No health insuring corporation may offer an open panel 262  
plan, unless the health insuring corporation is also licensed as 263  
an insurer under Title XXXIX of the Revised Code, the health 264  
insuring corporation, on June 4, 1997, holds a certificate of 265

authority or license to operate under Chapter 1736. or 1740. of 266  
the Revised Code, or an insurer licensed under Title XXXIX of the 267  
Revised Code is responsible for the out-of-network risk as 268  
evidenced by both an evidence of coverage filing under section 269  
1751.11 of the Revised Code and a policy and certificate filing 270  
under section 3923.02 of the Revised Code. 271

(V) "Osteopathic hospital" means a hospital registered under 272  
section 3701.07 of the Revised Code that advocates osteopathic 273  
principles and the practice and perpetuation of osteopathic 274  
medicine by doing any of the following: 275

(1) Maintaining a department or service of osteopathic 276  
medicine or a committee on the utilization of osteopathic 277  
principles and methods, under the supervision of an osteopathic 278  
physician; 279

(2) Maintaining an active medical staff, the majority of 280  
which is comprised of osteopathic physicians; 281

(3) Maintaining a medical staff executive committee that has 282  
osteopathic physicians as a majority of its members. 283

(W) "Panel" means a group of providers or health care 284  
facilities that have joined together to deliver health care 285  
services through a contractual arrangement with a health insuring 286  
corporation, employer group, or other payor. 287

(X) "Person" has the same meaning as in section 1.59 of the 288  
Revised Code, and, unless the context otherwise requires, includes 289  
any insurance company holding a certificate of authority under 290  
Title XXXIX of the Revised Code, any subsidiary and affiliate of 291  
an insurance company, and any government agency. 292

(Y) "Pervasive developmental disorder" means all of the 293  
following as they are defined in the most recent edition of the 294  
diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders as published 295  
by the American psychiatric association: 296

<u>(1) Autistic disorder;</u>	297
<u>(2) Asperger's disorder;</u>	298
<u>(3) Pervasive developmental disorder-not otherwise specified;</u>	299
<u>(4) Rett's syndrome;</u>	300
<u>(5) Childhood disintegrative disorder.</u>	301
<u>(Z)</u> "Premium rate" means any set fee regularly paid by a	302
subscriber to a health insuring corporation. A "premium rate" does	303
not include a one-time membership fee, an annual administrative	304
fee, or a nominal access fee, paid to a managed health care system	305
under which the recipient of health care services remains solely	306
responsible for any charges assessed for those services by the	307
provider or health care facility.	308
<del>(Z)</del> <u>(AA)</u> "Primary care provider" means a provider that is	309
designated by a health insuring corporation to supervise,	310
coordinate, or provide initial care or continuing care to an	311
enrollee, and that may be required by the health insuring	312
corporation to initiate a referral for specialty care and to	313
maintain supervision of the health care services rendered to the	314
enrollee.	315
<del>(AA)</del> <u>(BB)</u> "Provider" means any natural person or partnership	316
of natural persons who are licensed, certified, accredited, or	317
otherwise authorized in this state to furnish health care	318
services, or any professional association organized under Chapter	319
1785. of the Revised Code, provided that nothing in this chapter	320
or other provisions of law shall be construed to preclude a health	321
insuring corporation, health care practitioner, or organized	322
health care group associated with a health insuring corporation	323
from employing certified nurse practitioners, certified nurse	324
anesthetists, clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse	325
midwives, dietitians, physician assistants, dental assistants,	326
dental hygienists, optometric technicians, or other allied health	327

personnel who are licensed, certified, accredited, or otherwise 328  
authorized in this state to furnish health care services. 329

~~(BB)~~(CC) "Provider sponsored organization" means a 330  
corporation, as defined in division (H) of this section, that is 331  
at least eighty per cent owned or controlled by one or more 332  
hospitals, as defined in section 3727.01 of the Revised Code, or 333  
one or more physicians licensed to practice medicine or surgery or 334  
osteopathic medicine and surgery under Chapter 4731. of the 335  
Revised Code, or any combination of such physicians and hospitals. 336  
Such control is presumed to exist if at least eighty per cent of 337  
the voting rights or governance rights of a provider sponsored 338  
organization are directly or indirectly owned, controlled, or 339  
otherwise held by any combination of the physicians and hospitals 340  
described in this division. 341

~~(CC)~~(DD) "Solicitation document" means the written materials 342  
provided to prospective subscribers or enrollees, or both, and 343  
used for advertising and marketing to induce enrollment in the 344  
health care plans of a health insuring corporation. 345

~~(DD)~~(EE) "Subscriber" means a person who is responsible for 346  
making payments to a health insuring corporation for participation 347  
in a health care plan, or an enrollee whose employment or other 348  
status is the basis of eligibility for enrollment in a health 349  
insuring corporation. 350

~~(EE)~~(FF) "Urgent care services" means those health care 351  
services that are appropriately provided for an unforeseen 352  
condition of a kind that usually requires medical attention 353  
without delay but that does not pose a threat to the life, limb, 354  
or permanent health of the injured or ill person, and may include 355  
such health care services provided out of the health insuring 356  
corporation's approved service area pursuant to indemnity payments 357  
or service agreements. 358

Sec. 3923.281. (A) As used in this section: 359

(1) "Biologically based mental illness" means schizophrenia, 360  
schizoaffective disorder, major depressive disorder, bipolar 361  
disorder, paranoia and other psychotic disorders, 362  
obsessive-compulsive disorder, and panic disorder, as these terms 363  
are defined in the most recent edition of the diagnostic and 364  
statistical manual of mental disorders published by the American 365  
psychiatric association, and pervasive developmental disorders. 366

(2) "Policy of sickness and accident insurance" has the same 367  
meaning as in section 3923.01 of the Revised Code, but excludes 368  
any hospital indemnity, medicare supplement, long-term care, 369  
disability income, one-time-limited-duration policy of not longer 370  
than six months, supplemental benefit, or other policy that 371  
provides coverage for specific diseases or accidents only; any 372  
policy that provides coverage for workers' compensation claims 373  
compensable pursuant to Chapters 4121. and 4123. of the Revised 374  
Code; and any policy that provides coverage to beneficiaries 375  
enrolled in Title XIX of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 376  
(1935), 42 U.S.C.A. 301, as amended, known as the medical 377  
assistance program or medicaid, as provided by the Ohio department 378  
of job and family services under Chapter 5111. of the Revised 379  
Code. 380

(3) "Applied behavior analysis" means the design, 381  
implementation, and evaluation of environmental modifications 382  
using behavioral stimuli and consequences to produce socially 383  
significant improvement in human behavior, that is delivered in a 384  
home or clinic setting to address core deficits resulting from a 385  
medical diagnosis of pervasive developmental disorder. "Applied 386  
behavior analysis" includes the use of direct observation, 387  
measurement, and functional analysis of the relationship between 388  
environment and behavior. 389

(4) "Pervasive developmental disorder" means all of the 390  
following as they are defined in the most recent edition of the 391  
diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders as published 392  
by the American psychiatric association: 393

(a) Autistic disorder; 394

(b) Asperger's disorder; 395

(c) Pervasive developmental disorder-not otherwise specified; 396

(d) Rett's syndrome; 397

(e) Childhood disintegrative disorder. 398

(B)(1) Notwithstanding section 3901.71 of the Revised Code, 399  
and subject to division (E) of this section, every policy of 400  
sickness and accident insurance shall provide benefits for the 401  
diagnosis and treatment of biologically based mental illnesses on 402  
the same terms and conditions as, and shall provide benefits no 403  
less extensive than, those provided under the policy of sickness 404  
and accident insurance for the treatment and diagnosis of all 405  
other physical diseases and disorders, if both of the following 406  
apply: 407

~~(1)~~(a) The biologically based mental illness is clinically 408  
diagnosed by a physician authorized under Chapter 4731. of the 409  
Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic 410  
medicine and surgery; a psychologist licensed under Chapter 4732. 411  
of the Revised Code; a professional clinical counselor, 412  
professional counselor, or independent social worker licensed 413  
under Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code; or a clinical nurse 414  
specialist licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code whose 415  
nursing specialty is mental health. 416

~~(2)~~(b) The prescribed treatment is not experimental or 417  
investigational, having proven its clinical effectiveness in 418  
accordance with generally accepted medical standards. 419

(2) Coverage for diagnostic and treatment services for 420  
biologically based mental illnesses related to pervasive 421  
developmental disorders shall include applied behavior analysis 422  
when provided or supervised by an analyst certified by the 423  
behavior analyst certification board or by a state licensed 424  
physician or psychologist, or a mental health professional, as 425  
defined under division (A)(1)(d) of section 2305.51 of the Revised 426  
Code, so long as the services performed are commensurate with the 427  
physician's, psychologist's, or mental health professional's 428  
training and supervised experience. Such coverage shall include 429  
the services of the personnel who work under the supervision of 430  
the analyst certified by the behavior analyst certification board 431  
or the licensed physician or psychologist or the mental health 432  
professional. 433

(3) An insurer may subject coverage for applied behavior 434  
analysis to an annual maximum benefit of fifty thousand dollars. 435

(4) On and after January 1, 2014, to the extent that the 436  
requirement of division (B)(2) of this section results in the 437  
state paying the cost of benefits that exceed the essential health 438  
benefits specified under section 1302(b) of the "Patient 439  
Protection and Affordable Care Act," 42 U.S.C. 300gg-11, as 440  
amended, the specific benefits that exceed the specified essential 441  
health benefits shall not be required of health benefit plans in 442  
the individual market or the small group market that are offered 443  
by a health care insurer in this state either through or outside a 444  
health insurance exchange operated by the state or by the federal 445  
government. 446

(C) Division (B) of this section applies to all coverages and 447  
terms and conditions of the policy of sickness and accident 448  
insurance, including, but not limited to, coverage of inpatient 449  
hospital services, outpatient services, and medication; maximum 450  
lifetime benefits; copayments; and individual and family 451

deductibles. 452

(D) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting 453  
a sickness and accident insurance company from taking any of the 454  
following actions: 455

(1) Negotiating separately with mental health care providers 456  
with regard to reimbursement rates and the delivery of health care 457  
services; 458

(2) Offering policies that provide benefits solely for the 459  
diagnosis and treatment of biologically based mental illnesses; 460

(3) Managing the provision of benefits for the diagnosis or 461  
treatment of biologically based mental illnesses through the use 462  
of pre-admission screening, by requiring beneficiaries to obtain 463  
authorization prior to treatment, or through the use of any other 464  
mechanism designed to limit coverage to that treatment determined 465  
to be necessary; 466

(4) Enforcing the terms and conditions of a policy of 467  
sickness and accident insurance. 468

(E) An insurer that offers any policy of sickness and 469  
accident insurance is not required to provide benefits for the 470  
diagnosis and treatment of biologically based mental illnesses 471  
pursuant to division (B) of this section if all of the following 472  
apply: 473

(1) The insurer submits documentation certified by an 474  
independent member of the American academy of actuaries to the 475  
superintendent of insurance showing that incurred claims for 476  
diagnostic and treatment services for biologically based mental 477  
illnesses for a period of at least six months independently caused 478  
the insurer's costs for claims and administrative expenses for the 479  
coverage of all other physical diseases and disorders to increase 480  
by more than one per cent per year. 481

(2) The insurer submits a signed letter from an independent member of the American academy of actuaries to the superintendent of insurance opining that the increase described in division (E)(1) of this section could reasonably justify an increase of more than one per cent in the annual premiums or rates charged by the insurer for the coverage of all other physical diseases and disorders.

(3) The superintendent of insurance makes the following determinations from the documentation and opinion submitted pursuant to divisions (E)(1) and (2) of this section:

(a) Incurred claims for diagnostic and treatment services for biologically based mental illnesses for a period of at least six months independently caused the insurer's costs for claims and administrative expenses for the coverage of all other physical diseases and disorders to increase by more than one per cent per year.

(b) The increase in costs reasonably justifies an increase of more than one per cent in the annual premiums or rates charged by the insurer for the coverage of all other physical diseases and disorders.

Any determination made by the superintendent under this division is subject to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

**Sec. 3923.282.** (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Biologically based mental illness" means schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, major depressive disorder, bipolar disorder, paranoia and other psychotic disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and panic disorder, as these terms are defined in the most recent edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders published by the American psychiatric association, and pervasive developmental disorders.

(2) "Plan of health coverage" includes any private or public employer group self-insurance plan that provides payment for health care benefits for other than specific diseases or accidents only, which benefits are not provided by contract with a sickness and accident insurer or health insuring corporation.

(3) "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, that is delivered in a home or clinic setting to address core deficits resulting from a medical diagnosis of pervasive developmental disorder. "Applied behavior analysis" includes the use of direct observation, measurement, and functional analysis of the relationship between environment and behavior.

(4) "Pervasive developmental disorder" means all of the following as they are defined in the most recent edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders as published by the American psychiatric association:

(a) Autistic disorder;

(b) Asperger's disorder;

(c) Pervasive developmental disorder-not otherwise specified;

(d) Rett's syndrome;

(e) Childhood disintegrative disorder.

(B)(1) Notwithstanding section 3901.71 of the Revised Code, and subject to division (F) of this section, each plan of health coverage shall provide benefits for the diagnosis and treatment of biologically based mental illnesses on the same terms and conditions as, and shall provide benefits no less extensive than, those provided under the plan of health coverage for the treatment and diagnosis of all other physical diseases and disorders, if

both of the following apply: 542

~~(1)~~(a) The biologically based mental illness is clinically 543  
diagnosed by a physician authorized under Chapter 4731. of the 544  
Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic 545  
medicine and surgery; a psychologist licensed under Chapter 4732. 546  
of the Revised Code; a professional clinical counselor, 547  
professional counselor, or independent social worker licensed 548  
under Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code; or a clinical nurse 549  
specialist licensed under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code whose 550  
nursing specialty is mental health. 551

~~(2)~~(b) The prescribed treatment is not experimental or 552  
investigational, having proven its clinical effectiveness in 553  
accordance with generally accepted medical standards. 554

(2) Coverage for diagnostic and treatment services for 555  
biologically based mental illnesses related to pervasive 556  
developmental disorders shall include applied behavior analysis 557  
when provided or supervised by an analyst certified by the 558  
behavior analyst certification board or by a state licensed 559  
physician or psychologist, or a mental health professional, as 560  
defined under division (A)(1)(d) of section 2305.51 of the Revised 561  
Code, so long as the services performed are commensurate with the 562  
physician's, psychologist's, or mental health professional's 563  
training and supervised experience. Such coverage shall include 564  
the services of the personnel who work under the supervision of 565  
the analyst certified by the behavior analyst certification board 566  
or the licensed physician or psychologist or the mental health 567  
professional. 568

(3) An employer may subject coverage for applied behavior 569  
analysis to an annual maximum benefit of fifty thousand dollars. 570

(4) On and after January 1, 2014, to the extent that the 571  
requirement of division (B)(2) of this section results in the 572

state paying the cost of benefits that exceed the essential health 573  
benefits specified under section 1302(b) of the "Patient 574  
Protection and Affordable Care Act," 42 U.S.C. 300gg-11, as 575  
amended, the specific benefits that exceed the specified essential 576  
health benefits shall not be required of health benefit plans in 577  
the individual market or small group market that are offered by a 578  
health care insurer in this state either through or outside a 579  
health insurance exchange operated by the state or by the federal 580  
government. 581

(C) Division (B) of this section applies to all coverages and 582  
terms and conditions of the plan of health coverage, including, 583  
but not limited to, coverage of inpatient hospital services, 584  
outpatient services, and medication; maximum lifetime benefits; 585  
copayments; and individual and family deductibles. 586

(D) This section does not apply to a plan of health coverage 587  
if federal law supersedes, preempts, prohibits, or otherwise 588  
precludes its application to such plans. This section does not 589  
apply to long-term care, hospital indemnity, disability income, or 590  
medicare supplement plans of health coverage, or to any other 591  
supplemental benefit plans of health coverage. 592

(E) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting 593  
an employer from taking any of the following actions in connection 594  
with a plan of health coverage: 595

(1) Negotiating separately with mental health care providers 596  
with regard to reimbursement rates and the delivery of health care 597  
services; 598

(2) Managing the provision of benefits for the diagnosis or 599  
treatment of biologically based mental illnesses through the use 600  
of pre-admission screening, by requiring beneficiaries to obtain 601  
authorization prior to treatment, or through the use of any other 602  
mechanism designed to limit coverage to that treatment determined 603

to be necessary; 604

(3) Enforcing the terms and conditions of a plan of health 605  
coverage. 606

(F) An employer that offers a plan of health coverage is not 607  
required to provide benefits for the diagnosis and treatment of 608  
biologically based mental illnesses in combination with benefits 609  
for the treatment and diagnosis of all other physical diseases and 610  
disorders as described in division (B) of this section if both of 611  
the following apply: 612

(1) The employer submits documentation certified by an 613  
independent member of the American academy of actuaries to the 614  
superintendent of insurance showing that incurred claims for 615  
diagnostic and treatment services for biologically based mental 616  
illnesses for a period of at least six months independently caused 617  
the employer's costs for claims and administrative expenses for 618  
the coverage of all other physical diseases and disorders to 619  
increase by more than one per cent per year. 620

(2) The superintendent of insurance determines from the 621  
documentation and opinion submitted pursuant to division (F) of 622  
this section, that incurred claims for diagnostic and treatment 623  
services for biologically based mental illnesses for a period of 624  
at least six months independently caused the employer's costs for 625  
claims and administrative expenses for the coverage of all other 626  
physical diseases and disorders to increase by more than one per 627  
cent per year. 628

Any determination made by the superintendent under this 629  
division is subject to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 630

**Section 2.** That existing sections 1751.01, 3923.281, and 631  
3923.282 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed. 632