

In Support of HB 2764 Updating the Kansas Autism Insurance Law



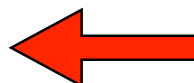
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Current Law (KSA 75-6524)

- Implemented January 2011
- Covers the diagnosis and medically necessary treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders including behavioral health treatments such as Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)
- Terms
 - \$36,000/yr cap 0-7 yr
 - \$27,000/yr cap 7-19 yr
- Applies only to the Kansas State Employees Health Plan



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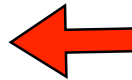
- KSA 40-2249a
- to assess cost and utilization of proposed coverage



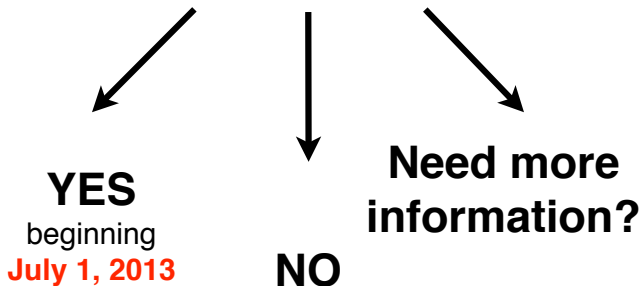
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prior to March 1, 2012
 legislature will receive 2011
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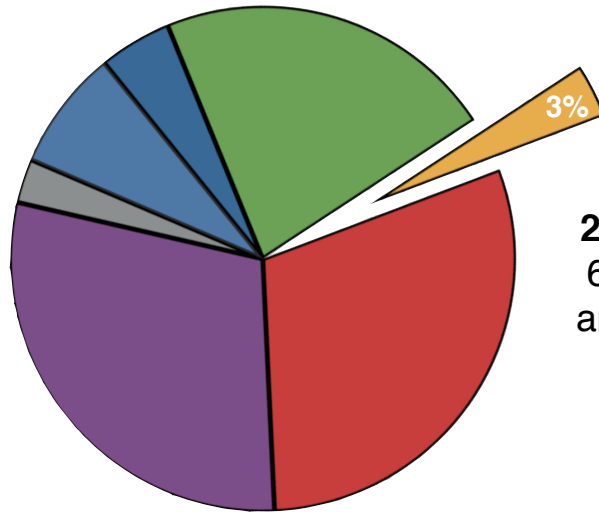


2013 legislative session
*Will provisions of KSA 75-6524
 continue for SEHP and extend to all
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Kansas Children with ASD (age 0-19)

	Individual	Employer-sponsored, self-insured	SEHP	Employer-sponsored, fully funded	Medicaid	Other Public	Uninsured	Total
Percent	5%	22%	3%	30%	29%	3%	8%	100%
Actual number	323	1,521	241	2,081	2,037	196	536	6,935

Actual Claims Data CY 2011



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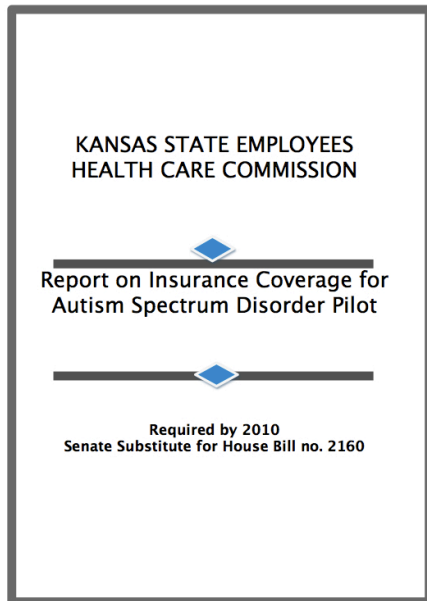
- Cost to Kansas* = \$163,430
- Total covered lives = 99,396 (46,276 contracts)
- Unique claimants = 126
- PMPM cost = **14 ¢**




*allowed amount less patient deductibles and copays

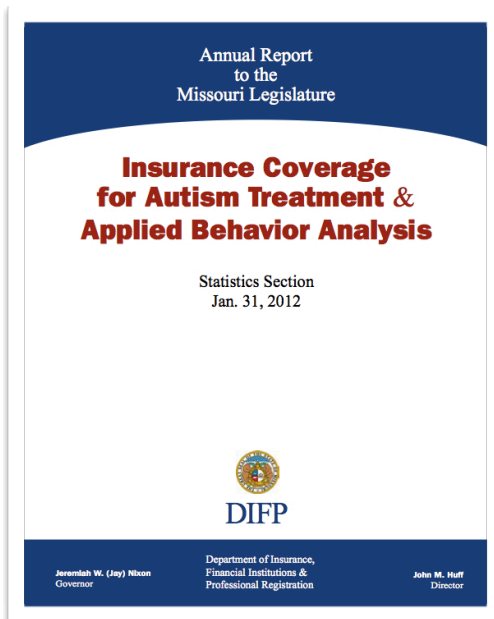
Source: Kansas Department of Health and Environment


Kansas State Employees Health Care Commission Report



- “The ASD coverage pilot had minimal impact on the SEHP” 
- Total ASD claims = **0.05%** of total claims
- ABA claims = **0.02%** of total claims


Affect on Premiums



- Claims incurred for treatment of ASD represent **0.1% of total claims** 
- “While claims costs are expected to grow somewhat in the future, it seems very unlikely that costs for autism treatment will have an appreciable impact on insurance premiums.”

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- Completed 
- Cost of coverage **14 ¢** PMPM
- Utilization of coverage 126/241 = **52%**
- Consistent with claims data from other states

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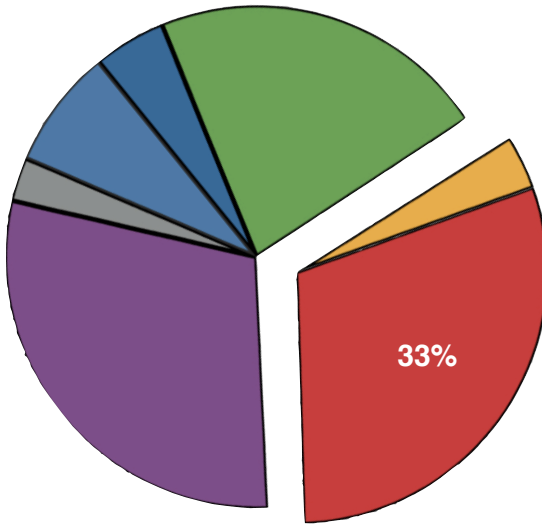
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**no need to delay
action until 2013**

YES
beginning
July 1, 2012

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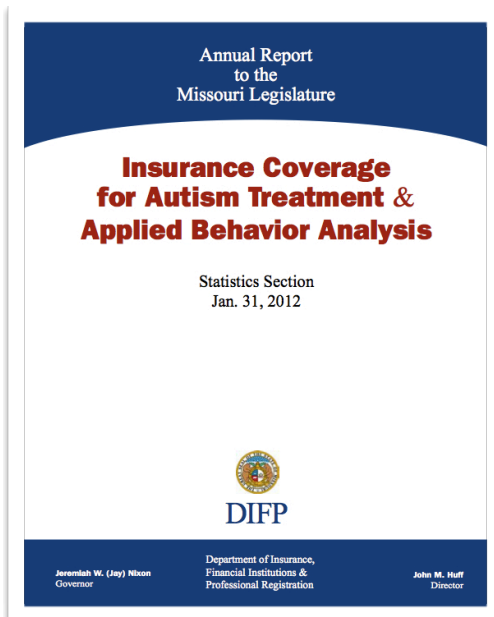


- **2,322** out of an estimated 6,935 affected children would be eligible for coverage
- **2,081** more children than are covered by KSA 75-6524
- **No additional fiscal impact to the State**

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“What’s one more year?”



“The paucity of insurance benefits for effective treatments of ASDs very likely contributed to lasting functional impairment of individuals with autistic and related disorders. To the extent that such care cannot be funded by parents, nor provided publicly, individuals are likely to endure life-long cognitive and social deficits with enormous direct and indirect social costs (see Ganz, 2007).”

Further delays will cost over 2000 Kansas children...

- A chance for mainstream regular education versus special education
- A chance to be a productive tax-paying Kansan versus being dependent upon a lifetime of adult disability services



“Please vote
HB 2764
favorably out of
committee.”



Contact Information

Autism Speaks, the world's largest autism advocacy organization, is dedicated to increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders, to funding research into autism, and to advocating for the needs of affected families.

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