

SENATE, No. 3930

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

Senator SAMUEL D. THOMPSON

District 12 (Burlington, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean)

SYNOPSIS

Makes FY 2021 supplemental appropriation of \$12.5 million to DHS to increase NJ FamilyCare managed care reimbursement rate for Applied Behavior Analysis.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **A SUPPLEMENT** to the Fiscal Year 2021 appropriations act,
2 P.L.2020, c.97.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and the General Assembly of the
5 State of New Jersey:

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7 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.2020, c.97,
8 the annual appropriations act for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, there is
9 appropriated the following sum for the purpose specified:

54 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

20 Physical and Mental Health

24 Special Health Services

7540 Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services

GRANTS-IN-AID

22-7540	General Medical Services	\$12,500,000
	Total Grants-in-Aid Appropriation,	
	Special Health Services	\$12,500,000

Grants-in-Aid:

 22 Medical Coverage – Title XIX Parents and
 Children (\$12,500,000)

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11 Of the amounts hereinabove appropriated within the General
12 Medical Services program classification, \$12,500,000 shall be
13 allocated to increase the NJ FamilyCare reimbursement rates
14 provided under the managed care delivery system for Applied
15 Behavioral Analysis services rendered to NJ FamilyCare
16 Medicaid eligible individuals under the age of 21 with a
17 diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder. The increased
18 reimbursement rates established under this provision shall be
19 determined by the Commissioner of Human Services and shall be
20 subject to federal approval.

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22 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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25 **STATEMENT**

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27 This bill makes an FY 2021 supplemental appropriation of \$12.5
28 million to the Department of Human Services to increase the NJ
29 FamilyCare managed care reimbursement rate for Applied Behavior
30 Analysis (ABA) services rendered to NJ FamilyCare Medicaid
31 eligible individuals under the age of 21 with a diagnosis of Autism
32 Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The bill also directs that the increased
33 rates are to be determined by the Commissioner of Human Services
34 and subject to federal approval.

35 ABA is a type of therapy that focuses on improving specific
36 behaviors, such as social skills, communication, reading, and
37 academics as well as adaptive learning skills, such as fine motor

1 dexterity, hygiene, grooming, domestic capabilities, punctuality,
2 and job competence. Therapists have used ABA to help children
3 diagnosed with ASD and related developmental disorders since the
4 1960s. However, reimbursement of ABA therapy for ASD
5 treatment services has only been covered under NJ FamilyCare
6 since April 1, 2020 and access to providers has been a barrier for
7 enrollees to benefit from this new service. It is the sponsor's goal
8 to increase the reimbursement rate as a means to increase the
9 provider network and connect more NJ FamilyCare youth with this
10 essential service.