



**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**

**DPI 7/6/2007**

LRB Number <b>07-2745/1</b>	Introduction Number <b>AB-0417</b>	Estimate Type <b>Original</b>
<b>Description</b> Health insurance coverage of treatment for autism spectrum disorders		

**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

This bill requires health insurance policies and self-insured governmental and school district health plans to cover the cost of treatment for an insured for autism, Asperger's syndrome, and pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified if the treatment is provided by a psychiatrist, a psychologist, a social worker who is certified or licensed to practice psychotherapy, a paraprofessional working under the supervision of any of those three types of providers, or a professional working under the supervision of an outpatient mental health clinic.

**State Fiscal Effect**

This bill will have no direct fiscal effect on the DPI.

**Local Fiscal Effect**

It is not possible to determine whether this bill will have any fiscal effect on local school districts. Each district separately negotiates its health insurance plan for its employees and it is not possible to predict whether their premiums will increase as a result of this bill.

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**