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## SB 74 Insurance Coverage for Autism Spectrum Disorders

### Sectional Analysis

**Section 1** of this bill amends AS 21.42 by creating a new section AS 21.42.397 relating to insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorders.

Subsection (a) requires insurance plans to cover medically necessary treatment for autism spectrum disorders, and exempts plans offered by fraternal benefit societies.

Subsection (b) further defines the coverage that must be provided.

Subsection (c) establishes that this section does not limit coverage already provided.

Subsection (d) prohibits an insurance company from denying coverage to someone because they have an autism spectrum disorder

Subsection (e) defines “autism service provider,” “autism spectrum disorders,” health care insurance plan”, “health care insurance,” and “medically necessary.”

**Section 2** of the bill establishes that the provisions of section 1 only apply to insurance policies issued after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

**Section 3** of this bill establishes an immediate effective date for this act.