



Autism Spectrum Disorder and Services



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- *Clarification of Medicaid Coverage of Services to Children With Autism*
- Published July 7, 2014
- Overviews State Options for Service Delivery used to treat Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).
 - State Plan Services
 - 1915(c) Waiver Services

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- Mandates coverage for Autism Spectrum Disorder under the Early, Periodic, Screen, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit.
- States must cover an array of services to meet the needs of children across the ASD spectrum.
- **No Specific Treatment Mandated**

S.B. 108

- Introduced in 2014 Session
- South Dakota Legislature commissioned a Summer Study to better understand services, costs and insurance coverage for the treatment of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder in South Dakota
- Summer Study:
 - Headed by the South Dakota Departments of Labor and Human Services
 - Focus on Current Coverage, Cost of Coverage Expansion, Cost Effectiveness of Treatment, and Availability of Providers
 - Report due to Legislature no later than November 15, 2014
 - For more information: <http://dlr.sd.gov/autism/default.aspx>

