

HR 5028

Fairness in Autism Treatment Act of 2007

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 28, 2008
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 16, 2008

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Fairness in Autism Treatment Act of 2007 - Amends the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and the Internal Revenue Code to require a group health plan that provides both medical and surgical benefits to also provide coverage for pervasive developmental disorders, including coverage for therapeutic, respite, and rehabilitative care for participants or beneficiaries who have not attained 22 years of age.

Applies the requirements of this Act separately with respect to benefits provided in-network and out-of-network.

Prohibits a group health plan from: (1) imposing any annual or lifetime dollar limitation on benefits for pervasive developmental disorders unless such limitation applies to all medical and surgical benefits as well; (2) imposing a deductible, coinsurance, or other cost-sharing for such disorders that is greater than the cost-sharing imposed for medical and surgical benefits; or (3) denying eligibility, or continued eligibility, to enroll or renew coverage under the term of the plan solely for the purpose of avoiding the requirements of this Act.

Considers the requirements of this Act a material change for the purpose of notice requirements.

Excludes from the requirements of this Act: (1) a group health plan of a small employer; or (2) a group health plan if the application of this Act results in an increase in the cost under the plan of at least 1%.

Provides that this Act shall not be construed to preempt any state law that at least meets the requirements of this Act.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Feb 28, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.
- **Jan 16, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 16, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.