

PERFORMANCE NOTE: AGENCY FORM

SHORT TITLE: HB 272s3 - PILOT PROGRAM FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS SERVICES

Joint Rule 4-2-404 requires a Performance Review Note anytime the legislature significantly increases

funding for: New agency New services or benefits Serving a new or larger population

DUE TO THE FISCAL ANALYST:

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HOW WILL THE PUBLIC BENEFIT?

1 What is the purpose and the duties of the new program, agency, services, or population served? JR4-2-404(4)(c)(i)

This bill is multi-pronged; this form will address only the information which pertains to the Autism Treatment Account (26-52-201,202 and 203). This bill amends the current Autism Treatment Account to expand membership of the existing advisory committee, allow for larger donations to this fund, specifically health insurance contributions, and allow for financial support for administration of this fund and its disbursements.

2 What services are provided by the funding increase? JR4-2-404(4)(c)(ii)

Any donations/contributions to this fund will be dispersed through grants to provide Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) therapy by or supervised by a certified Behavior Analyst to children, ages 2 to 6 years, who have been diagnosed with autism.

3 What are the expected outcomes of the new or expanded program and how will the public benefit? JR4-2-404(4)(c)(iii)

More children, ages 2 to 6 years of age, with the diagnosis of autism will be able to start ABA or receive additional ABA therapy. The expected benefits to these children are improved behaviors and communication skills with social significance.

4 How will the bill be implemented and what resources are available to achieve the expected outcomes? JR4-2-404(4)(c)(iv)

The current Autism Treatment Account Advisory Committee will be expanded to include a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and will be responsible for revising the current policies, procedures and current draft rules. Administrative expertise will be hired to oversee the fund and disbursements according to policy established by the Advisory Committee. When funding in the Treatment Account is enough to disburse, RFPs will then be announced to established providers to provide ABA to eligible children.

5 How will the proposed agency activities cause the expected outcomes and public benefit in 3?

Make funds which have been contributed available to those who provide ABA therapy.

Monitor outcome measurements of those receiving therapy funded through the Autism Trust Fund.

2. PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

What measures will managers and policymakers use to know if the new or expanded program is providing the expected outcomes and public benefits? Provide one, two, and three year goals or targets, actual results and measures if available to serve as a baseline, and outcomes.

Goal (public benefit): Increase in number of children, diagnosed with autism, receiving ABA therapy

Measure Title: Number of children, ages 2 to 6, diagnosed with autism, who receive ABA therapy through this funding.

Description:

Number of children who receive ABA therapy will be dependent of the amount contributed to the fund, the number of providers who apply for funding and the number of children they serve.

Fiscal Year:	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Target or Benchmark:					
Baseline:					

How will program managers collect this performance information and ensure its reliability?

All recipients of these funds will be required to report the number of children who receive ABA therapy . The Autism Treatment Account coordinator will be responsible for monitoring this information.

Goal (public benefit): Children receiving ABA therapy will have improved behavior or skills

Measure Title: Behavioral changes among children receiving therapy from funded providers

Description:

Pre and post assessments which includes skills and abilities with social significance will be required from all providers who receive funding for providing ABA therapy.

Fiscal Year:	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Target or Benchmark:					
Baseline:					

How will program managers collect this performance information and ensure its reliability?

All recipients of these funds will be required to provide this information. The Autism Treatment Account coordinator will be responsible for monitoring and compiling this information.

Goal (public benefit): Families of children receiving ABA therapy are involved in the treatment process

Measure Title: Methods used to engage families in the treatment process

Description:

Reports of the methods used to engage families in the treatment process will be required from all providers who receive funding for providing ABA therapy.

Fiscal Year:	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Target or Benchmark:					
Baseline:					

How will program managers collect this performance information and ensure its reliability?

All recipients of these funds will be required to provide this information. The Autism Treatment Account coordinator will be responsible for monitoring and compiling this information.