

## PERFORMANCE NOTE: AGENCY FORM

# H.B. 88

**SHORT TITLE:** Autism Program Amendments

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 ANALYSIS:** Thursday, February 06, 2014

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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)

The purpose of the Medicaid Autism Waiver is to provide Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) and other services to children ages 2 through 6 with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Empirical data show that ABA, and other related services, lead to improvement in an autistic child's functioning, behaviors and developmental progress.

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

The services that are provided through the Medicaid Autism Waiver include: Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) or similar services, case management, respite care, and financial management services (FMS). (FMS will allow services to be provided under a self-directed services method). Administrative services to implement and oversee the program will be provided. The cost to conduct a baseline and a 6-Month outcome assessment of each child will also be provided through this funding.

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

Children who receive waiver services are expected to have improved functional, developmental and behavioral outcomes. Due to the increasing number of children diagnosed with ASDs, waiver services will help to provide needed services to this segment of the public.

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

The Medicaid Autism Waiver was originally authorized by HB 272 from the 2012 Legislative General Session. HB 88 authorizes the program to continue on an ongoing basis. The Department will maintain one FTE to support the development and oversight of the program and will maintain its interagency agreement with DHS, Division of Services for People with Disabilities to run the operating agency and case management functions of the waiver.

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

Maintaining the Medicaid Autism Waiver will result in children receiving services that will result in improved functional, developmental and behavioral outcomes.

## 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):** Children's 6-Month Clinical Assessment Results Will Show Improvement from Baseline

**Measure Title:**

**Description:**

HB 88 requires the Department to submit an annual report to the Legislature on the effectiveness of the Medicaid Autism Waiver. The Department measures treatment effectiveness through the children's clinical standardized assessment (VB-MAPP) results after receiving services for 6 months. The Department expects the results at the 6-month interval to be an improvement from the baseline evaluation.

Fiscal Year:	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>Target or Benchmark:</b> Milestones After 6 Months of Tre	N/A	90.8	25%	25%	25%
<b>Baseline:</b> VB-MAPP Milestones	N/A	63.9	increase	increase	increase

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

The Department requires that a standardized, validated tool (VB-MAPP) be used to evaluate each child prior to beginning services and then 6 months later.

**Goal (public benefit):** Parental Experience Assessment Results will Show Improvement from Baseline

**Measure Title:**

**Description:**

HB 88 Requires the Department to submit an annual report to the Legislature on the effectiveness of the Medicaid Autism Waiver. The Department measures treatment effectiveness through "family experience" standardized assessment (Vineland) results after receiving services for 6 months. The Department expects the results at the 6-month interval to be an improvement from the baseline evaluation.

Fiscal Year:	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>Target or Benchmark:</b>	N/A	See	15%	15%	15%
<b>Baseline:</b>	N/A	Attachment	increase	increase	increase

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

The Department requires that a standardized, validated tool (Vineland) be used to evaluate each child from the parents' perspective prior to beginning services and then 6 months later. This evaluation asks questions along 5 main life-skill areas: Communication, Daily Living, Socialization and Motor Skills.

**Goal (public benefit):** Actual Per Person Waiver Expenditures will be  $\leq$  Maximum Utilization Estimate in CMS Approved Waiver Plan

**Measure Title:**

**Description:**

Within the CMS approved Waiver Implementation Plan, the State estimates the maximum per person utilization estimate. The Department expects annual program expenditures to remain less than or equal to that estimate.

Fiscal Year:	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>Target or Benchmark:</b> Actual Average cost per child	N/A	\$21,564	\$23,500	\$23,500	\$23,500
<b>Baseline:</b> Average cost per child estimate	N/A	\$30,000			

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

Autism Waiver service cost data will be collected in the same manner that this information is collected for other Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver programs. All claims identified as belonging to the Autism Waiver will be accounted for through MMIS claims data collection. Administrative costs will also be measured.

HB 88 Performance Note Attachment

Vineland Results Example for 2014 Performance Measure

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**Parental Observations - Vineland Assessment Results**

Major Skill Areas	Baseline	6 Month Assessment	Percentage Change
Communication	65.9	81.8	24%
Daily Living	47.2	58.8	25%
Socialization	56.2	70.8	26%
Motor	93.9	106.0	13%