

243 (b) include:

244 (i) qualification criteria and procedures for selecting ~~[service and treatment providers~~
 245 ~~that receive disbursements from the account, which criteria shall give additional consideration~~
 246 ~~to providers that are willing to use low interest loans when providing services to individuals;~~
 247 ~~and] children who may qualify for assistance from the account;~~

248 (ii) qualifications, criteria, and procedures for evaluating the services and providers to
 249 include in the program, which shall include at least:

250 (A) applied behavior analysis provided by or supervised by a Board Certified Behavior
 251 Analyst ~~H~~→ or a licensed psychologist with equivalent university training and supervised
 251a experience ←~~H~~ ;

252 (B) collaboration with existing tele-health networks to reach children in rural and
 253 under-served areas of the state; and

254 (C) methods to engage family members in the treatment process; and

255 ~~[(~~it~~)]~~ (iii) provisions to address and avoid conflicts of interest that may arise in relation
 256 to[:] the committee's work.

257 ~~[(A) the committee's selection of providers and persons that receive referrals,~~
 258 ~~disbursements, or assistance from the account; and]~~

259 ~~[(B) other matters that may constitute a conflict of interest.]~~

260 (5) The committee shall meet as necessary to carry out its duties and shall meet upon a
 261 call of the committee chair or a call of a majority of the committee members~~[- but no more than~~
 262 ~~four times per year].~~

263 (6) The committee shall comply with the procedures and requirements of:

264 (a) Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act; and

265 (b) Title 63G, Chapter 2, Government Records Access and Management Act.

266 (7) Committee members shall receive no compensation or per diem allowance for their
 267 services.

268 (8) (a) Not later than November 30 of each year, the committee shall provide a written
 269 report summarizing the activities of the committee to:

270 ~~[(a)]~~ (i) the executive director of the department;

271 ~~[(b)]~~ (ii) the Legislature's Health and Human Services Interim Committee; and

272 ~~[(c)]~~ (iii) the Legislature's Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee.

273 (b) The report under Subsection (8)(a) shall include:

305 including:

306 (i) autistic disorder;

307 (ii) asperger's disorder; and

308 (iii) a pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified.

309 (c) "Treatment of autism spectrum disorders" means any treatment generally accepted

310 by the medical community or the American Academy of Pediatrics as an effective treatment for

311 an individual with an autism spectrum disorder, including applied behavior analysis.

312 (2) (a) Beginning July 1, 2012 and ending July 1, 2014, the Public Employees' Benefit

313 and Insurance Program shall provide a pilot program for the treatment of autism spectrum

314 disorders in accordance with Subsection (2)(b) for up to 50 children who:

315 (i) are between the age of two and six years old by July 1, 2012;

316 (ii) enroll in the pilot program on or before July 1, 2012; and

317 (iii) have a parent who is ~~H~~→ a state employee and is ←~~H~~ enrolled in a health plan that

317a was offered under this chapter

318 on or before January 1, 2012.

319 (b) The autism services provided in this pilot program shall include:

320 (i) diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder by a physician or qualified mental health

321 professional, and the development of a treatment plan;

322 (ii) applied behavior analysis provided by a certified behavior analyst or someone with

323 equivalent training for a child with an autism spectrum disorder; and

324 (iii) an annual maximum benefit of \$30,000 for autism spectrum disorder treatments

325 with the following cost sharing from the parents of the child with autism spectrum disorder:

326 (A) the parents will pay the first \$250 of expenses for autism treatments provided by

327 the pilot program;

328 (B) the pilot program will pay 80% of the cost of the treatment after the first \$250, and

329 the parents will pay 20% of the cost of treatment; and

330 (C) the pilot program will pay a maximum of a \$150 per day for treatment of autism

331 spectrum disorder under Subsection (1)(c).

332 (3) The autism pilot program is a limited pilot to study the efficacy of providing autism

333 treatment and is not a mandate for coverage of autism treatment within the health plans offered

334 by the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program.

335 **Section 8. Appropriation.**