

House Bill 514

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to insurance generally, so as to update references to the *Diagnostic and Statistical*  
3 *Manual of Mental Disorders*; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
4 for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 24 of Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
8 insurance generally, is amended in Code Section 33-24-28.1, relating to coverage of  
9 treatment of mental disorders, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) as follows:

10 "(2) 'Mental disorder' shall have the same meaning as defined by ~~The~~ the *Diagnostic and*  
11 *Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (American Psychiatric Association) or *The*  
12 *International Classification of Diseases* (World Health Organization) ~~as of January 1,~~  
13 ~~1981,~~ or as the Commissioner may further define such term by rule and regulation."

**SECTION 2.**

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15 Said article is further amended in Code Section 33-24-29, relating to coverage for treatment  
16 of mental disorders under accident and sickness insurance benefit plans providing major  
17 medical benefits covering small groups, by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (a) as  
18 follows:

19 "(2) 'Mental disorder' shall have the same meaning as defined by ~~The~~ the *Diagnostic and*  
20 *Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (American Psychiatric Association) or *The*  
21 *International Classification of Diseases* (World Health Organization) ~~as of January 1,~~  
22 ~~1981,~~ or as the Commissioner may further define such term by rule and regulation."

**SECTION 3.**

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24 Said article is further amended in Code Section 33-24-29.1, relating to coverage for treatment  
25 of mental disorders under accident and sickness insurance benefit plans providing major  
26 medical benefits covering all groups except small groups, by revising paragraph (2) of  
27 subsection (a) as follows:

28 "(2) 'Mental disorder' shall have the same meaning as defined by ~~The~~ the *Diagnostic and*  
29 *Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (American Psychiatric Association) or *The*  
30 *International Classification of Diseases* (World Health Organization) ~~as of January 1,~~  
31 ~~1981,~~ or as the Commissioner may further define such term by rule and regulation."

**SECTION 4.**

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33 Said article is further amended in Code Section 33-24-59.10, relating to coverage for autism,  
34 by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (a) as follows:

35 "(3) 'Autism spectrum disorder' means autism spectrum disorders as defined by the most  
36 ~~recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders~~ *Diagnostic*  
37 *and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* or as the Commissioner may further define  
38 such term by rule and regulation."

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**SECTION 5.**

40 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.