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## **FY'2017 Legislative Budget Request**

### **\$150,000 to the Department of Health for the UNM Autism Programs to assist behavioral health providers and their adult clients with ASD in accessing CCSS through Medicaid**

- A growing number of adults with ASD in New Mexico aren't eligible for the DD Waiver.
- Medicaid eligible adults with ASD are typically told by their Medicaid providers that there aren't the services authorized to meet their needs.
- The Medical Assistance Division is rewriting Comprehensive Community Support Services (CCSS) and adults with ASD will become eligible for that benefit: *"an eligible recipient with a diagnosis that does not meet criteria for SMI or SED, but for whom time-limited CCSS would support his or her recovery and resiliency process."*
- CCSS is available statewide and would be cost effective as it has the potential to reduce emergency room care, inpatient placements, and detention center stays for this population
- The \$150k allocation would allow the Autism Programs to work with a specified number of provider agencies and clients across the state, building local capacity and expertise in serving adults with ASD who don't meet DD Waiver criteria.
- Including adults with ASD in CCSS and mentoring their providers is an important first step in meeting critical need.



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## Autism Initiatives in the New Mexico Legislature

2007	Senate Bill 164, Senator Dede Feldman, requested \$7,750,000 for autism programs in New Mexico \$5,800,000 appropriated (Prevalence 1 in 150)
2009	Senate Bill 34, Senator Clint Harden, requested a specific waiver for children with ASD. Negotiations with the administration yielded the Adaptive Skill Building Program for Medicaid eligible children up to age 5, and the beginning of developing the ABA benefit through NM Medicaid
2009	Senate Bill 39, Senator Clint Harden, private insurance mandate for children with ASD in NM
2010	Senate Joint Memorial 25, Senator Clint Harden, study autism in the public schools
2011	Senate Bill 314, a result of the 2010 study, asks that 11 considerations be discussed at every IEP of a child with ASD. Vetoed by the governor, and then issued as guidance from the PED in June 2011
2012	House Memorial 44, Representative Ed Sandoval, Develop ASD service plan Senate Memorial 20, Senator Jerry Ortiz-y-Pino, Develop ASD service plan
2013	House Bill 22, Representative Jim Smith, public employee autism insurance mandate (effective January 1, 2015)
2014	HB 69, Representative Liz Thomson, requested \$350k to develop a challenging behavior clinic and an autism oversight team SB 109, Senator Lisa Torracco, Senate version of HB 69 \$250,000 was appropriated for a behavior clinic and an autism oversight team. (Prevalence 1 in 68)

### Points

- ASD Prevalence has doubled since 2007
- With state budget challenges - some of this funding has been “adjusted” down