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AUTISM INSURANCE

Eastern Michigan University SUPPORTS autism insurance legislation (SB 414, SB 415, and SB 981).

- **IMPROVED OUTCOMES & REDUCED COSTS:** Effective autism therapy can cost up to $50,000 (per child annually), which creates a financial burden to Michigan families. There is a wealth of research showing that early diagnosis and treatment of autism results in better outcomes and reduces costs to families, insurers, and the government.

- **BECHMARKING WITH OTHER STATES:** The majority of States have already enacted autism insurance legislation.

- **AUTISM COLLABORATIVE CENTER:** EMU's Autism Collaborative Center (ACC) provides discounted therapeutic services to children and adults within the Autism Spectrum. Families are also offered free support groups and education. The ACC – which provides services to families throughout southeast Michigan – was recently awarded a $500,000 grant by the State of Michigan to establish a telehealth program. This innovative new program, combined with autism insurance legislation, will allow the ACC to assist even more Michigan families.

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