

On behalf of the Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorder, we are writing to express our strong support for AB 340. This important legislation mandates that public and private health insurance policies, including Medicaid, provide coverage for the screening, assessment, and diagnosis of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD), intellectual disabilities, and specific learning disabilities for individuals under the age of 18, or until they reach the age of 22 if enrolled in high school.

The inclusion of these critical services in health insurance coverage is essential for ensuring that children and young adults receive timely and appropriate evaluations. Early diagnosis and intervention are crucial for improving outcomes for individuals with developmental and learning challenges. By mandating coverage for these assessments, AB 340 will help to ensure that families have access to the necessary resources to support their children's development and educational success.

Furthermore, the bill empowers the Commissioner of Insurance to enforce compliance among health insurers, thereby reinforcing the commitment to provide necessary services to our youth. This oversight is vital to ensure that all children, regardless of their circumstances, have access to the evaluations and diagnoses they need to thrive.

As a Commission dedicated to advocating for individuals on the autism spectrum and their families, we recognize the importance of comprehensive healthcare coverage that addresses the diverse needs of our community. AB 340 is a significant step forward in promoting equitable access to essential services for children and young adults facing developmental challenges.

We urge you and your colleagues to support AB 340 and help ensure that Nevada's youth receive the critical assessments and diagnoses they need to succeed. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.