

Joint Committee on Health Care Financing 2025-2026 (194th) Bill Summary

<u>Bill Number:</u>	House, No. 4623
<u>Title:</u>	AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCREASING ACCESS TO ABA SERVICES BY RECOGNIZING ASSISTANT LEVEL PROVIDERS
<u>Sponsor:</u>	Representative Sean Garballey (Arlington)
<u>Hearing Date:</u>	January 15, 2026
<u>Reporting Deadline:</u>	January 28, 2026
<u>Prior History:</u>	New Bill
<u>Similar Matters:</u>	N/A

Current Law:

M.G.L. c. 118E § 10H – Coverage for medically necessary treatments for persons younger than 21 years old diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder by a licensed physician or a licensed psychologist: Requires MassHealth to cover medically necessary treatments and services, including applied behavior analysis (ABA) that is supervised by a board certified behavior analyst, for people under age 21 who are diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder.

Summary:

This bill expands access to ABA services for autism spectrum disorder treatments covered by MassHealth, broadening the types of providers whose services are eligible for coverage. Amends Section 10H of Chapter 118E to include ABA services provided by behavior technicians, licensed assistant applied behavior analysts, and licensed applied behavior analysts, when these individuals are supervised by a licensed applied behavior analyst, subject to the availability of federal funds. Under current law, only board certified behavior analysts can provide ABA services that are covered under MassHealth.