

Miller Canfield Adds Insurance Benefit for Employees Raising Children with Autism

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The law firm of Miller Canfield is self-adopting adding insurance benefits for lawyers and staff raising children with autism. Although the firm's insurance plan is self-funded and not impacted by the Michigan Autism Reform legislation passed in March 2012, Miller Canfield is taking a leadership role by offering the benefit to all U.S. employees – regardless of Michigan residency – for the diagnosis and treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Autism Spectrum Disorders include autistic disorder, Asperger's disorder, and pervasive development disorder.

Miller Canfield lawyer Ron Hodess is a member of the board of directors of the Autism Alliance of Michigan, which advocated for the passage of the legislation in Michigan. He is also on the board of directors of the Friendship Circle Autism Alliance of Michigan and active with the Autism Society of America, Oakland County Chapter.

"Miller Canfield has voluntarily chosen to provide this coverage to give families support and children with autism the services and treatment they need," said Hodess. "Thanks to the State of Michigan and Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley for realizing the importance of this insurance reform to our citizens and state."

According to Lt. Governor Calley, "Passing this reform means that Michigan is well on its way to going from being one of the worst 10 states to raise a child with autism to being one of the best."

Other companies in Michigan that are taking the lead along with Miller Canfield include DTE Energy, Quicken Loans, Meijer and Motor City Casino, in addition to national companies such as Microsoft, Home Depot, Intel, Capital One, Time Warner and many others.

Miller Canfield's Autism Spectrum Disorder coverage begins January 1, 2013.