



Fw: HB 15

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Dear Ms. Kwei,

I wanted so share my experiences with you regarding my son, [REDACTED], who just turned 12. He was you average boy growing up in Maryland who enjoyed hiking, camping, and playing outside. During the summer of 2015, his behavior started to rapidly change after a strep infection. He started worrying about germs, did not want to play outside, started taking multiple showers daily and became prone to tantrums.

During the Fall of 2015, [REDACTED] was diagnosed with PANDAS. We were lucky that we were able to get referrals for doctors that were able to help [REDACTED]. One of the treatments was for IVIG infusion. We were lucky that our insurance paid for most of this treatment. This treatment very much helped by son. Six months later, the doctor recommended another IVIG treatment, but this time we were denied by our insurance carrier, Cigna. We chose to pay out of pocket for this procedure. We spent the next 18 months fighting with Cigna over this claim (and hired an insurance advocate.) After going to an outside appeal, we were partially reimbursed for the IVIG procedure.

We are in the process of trying to get our new insurance Care First to pay for another IVIG. This treatment helps my son. With the IVIG treatments, he is manageable. And he goes to school fairly regularly, participates in sports, and plays with his friends. Care First has denied the procedure...so let the next fight begin!!

The passage of HB 15 would help the quality of life for my son and family.

Thank you,

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