

Delegate Alfred Carr

Ref: HB-447

Dear Delegate Carr:

I am writing to appeal to you the urgent need that HB-447 be supported by you and passed to require insurance companies in Maryland to pay for medications and treatment for PANDAS/PANS.

My 14 year old son was misdiagnosed for 7 months, in and out of psychiatric institutes as well as Children's Hospital, Johns Hopkins and Frederick Memorial Hospital with a wrong diagnosis.

Sean's diagnosis came finally from Dr. Elizabeth Latimer and she is the ONLY doctor in the DC metropolitan/Maryland area that treat PANDAS/PANS. Seans' treatment as well as his evaluations from Dr. Latimer were out of pocket due to Dr. Latimer being out of network and the lack of coverage for the PANDAS/PANS diagnosis.

This is a brain infections causing devastating harmful symptoms to the child and the family. If this treatment is deemed medically necessary it should be required that ALL insurance companies cover the treatment. Families should NOT have to fight to get coverage.

Please vote IN FAVOR of HB-447.

Thanking you in advance,

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