

HB 11- Health Insurance-Access to non participating providers-Referrals, Additional Assistance, and Coverage

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Position: Support (FAV)

I am testifying (FAV) for House Bill 11

I am the mother of a child with significant medical, developmental and behavioral disabilities. Her care has made a significant impact on my life and the lives of my family. One of the recent burdens we have had is to try to find a pediatric psychiatrist in-network for my daughter. This happened after my husband switched jobs and therefore, we had a new health plan. She is on several psychotropic medications and finding a pediatric psychiatrist who could continue with her care was difficult. All of the in-network providers were either not comfortable with her developmental delay and other comorbidities and/or the wait to see a provider was prohibitive. While we were trying to find a new provider my daughter was engaging in self-harm behaviors that became worse and at this time have still not resolved. Obtaining quality mental health providers should not be delayed because of the limited access of in-network providers.

Thank you,

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