

Dear Mr. Plain,

Please make sure to include Habilitative benefits in the Essential Health Benefits Plan. It also needs to not limit coverage based on discrimination of age, level of disability or type of diagnosis such as autism. The plan needs to be comprehensive for all therapies. It is not okay to just include a child that has a diagnosis of Autism to be eligible for these benefits, this is clearly discrimination. I beg you to please make certain that our children receive the proper benefits so they can receive all therapies they may need. We owe it to all the innocent children who have to work so hard at things that come so easy to most. They deserve a future of happiness and independence. Therapy will ensure this happens for them. As a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for the same 6 six siblings for the past Seven Years I have seen personally the difference that this accessible care can mean in the life of young children, who through no fault of their own, are the result of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and who are in desperate need of these services if we are to have any hope of them becoming productive citizens as they leave the system. Thank you,
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