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To: Holly Long
Subject: FW: Re NV Medicaid meeting. 3/26/2020 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Dear NV Medicaid:

Treating children with epilepsy in Northern Nevada presents the additional challenges of being far from tertiary care referral epilepsy centers for example Stanford UCSF and Oakland Children's Hospital among others.

Every day we try our best to make their lives better.

In order to treat epilepsy, we need every possible avenue available.

I recommend that we should be allowed to use the anti-seizure medications that are available in our USA Market and are part of the standard of care.

Please don't limit our choices to a reduced number of anti-seizure medications.

If there are agents available to treat epilepsy and we don't have access to them due to insurance plan limitations, our patients are at a disadvantage.

Medications that are important and have been recently denied, or limited, or we have had to do lengthy appeals include among others:

Epidiolex - Onfi - Briviact - ACTH - extended release Lamictal

Another example is Ativan (Lorazepam) a mainstay of our armamentarium to treat acute seizures, it is often denied by NV Medicaid and we are forced to prescribe oral PRN Diazepam, an inferior product, only because there is no specific FDA approval for Ativan, for seizures, in children, even though it is the main po acute seizure med in the country, by the standard of care.

Thank you for accepting to share my comments.

Respectfully,

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Nevada Medicaid Meeting

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Where

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