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Subject: REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING – SILVER STATE SCRIPTS BOARD today at 1pm

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I raised my hand but I was unable to speak.

Good morning,

My daughter was diagnosed with bipolar disorder when she was three years old, today she is 25. Medications have always been a huge part of our lives. Therapy is essential but medication is the core for treatment. Without it she would be nonfunctional.

Many people pay more for insurance thinking they are getting better coverage not realizing insurance companies have a list, or formulary for medications they have approved for treatment. Insurance companies have all the control over your treatment, not the doctor. Doctors are left choosing medications available based on your plan, not based on your specific needs.

When my daughter was diagnosed with bipolar disorder it was difficult to find the right medications because either she had to try other medications that really didn't fit her needs first, or the medications was not approved. I could not cover the medication myself because the cost was over \$1,000 a month, such as Abilify. This is one out of all the medications she needs. Medication should be between the patient and doctor because the doctor would select a medication based on your specific need.

Thank you,
Erica Fredenburgh