

# COST OF UNTREATED PANDAS/PANS

**A FAMILY IN MASSACHUSETTS KINDLY SHARED THE COSTS THAT INSURANCE AND HER STATE INCURRED WHEN HER CHILDREN WERE DENIED APPROPRIATE TREATMENT. THESE COSTS ARE BEING INCURRED IN OUR STATE AS WELL!**

## **The Cost of PANDAS - Hospital Services**

From 2009 through 2016.....

- ❖ Child #1 had four separate psychiatric evaluations in Emergency Rooms.
- ❖ Child #1 had one medical Emergency Room visit, where she had a full body rash and intense joint pain.
- ❖ Child #1 spent 5 weeks in an inpatient hospital bed.
- ❖ Child #1 spent 4 weeks in a Community Based Acute Treatment Bed (CBAT).
- ❖ Child#1 spent 2 weeks in an Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP).

## **Approximate costs for these services....**

- • ER costs: \$2,500 (\$500 per visit)
- • In patient psychiatric care: \$ 97,825 (based on \$2,795 per day)
- • CBAT stay: \$28,000 (\$1000 per day)
- • IOP: \$700 (\$500 per day)

**\$129,025**

## **The Cost of PANDAS - Hospital Services**

- ❖ From 2011 to 2016.....
- ❖ Child #2 had five Emergency Room psychiatric evaluations. Three of these trips, he was taken via ambulance.
- ❖ Child #2 had four in-home evaluations with a crisis team.
- ❖ Child #2 had one medical admittance and stayed overnight.
- ❖ Child #2 spent 5 weeks in a Community Based Acute Treatment (CBAT) hospital bed
- ❖ Child #2 spent 1 week in an Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) bed

## **The approximate cost of these services....**

- • ER: \$2500 (\$500 each)
- • Ambulance Rides: \$1200 (\$400 each)
- • In home evaluations: \$1,200 (\$300 each)
- • Medical stay overnight: \$3000
- • CBAT: \$35,000 (\$1000 a night)
- • IOP: \$2500 (\$500 per day)

**\$45,400**

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## The Cost of PANDAS - Outpatient treatment costs

- ❖ From 2009 through 2014, Child #1 had one time weekly outpatient therapy.
- ❖ From 2011 through 2016, Child #2 had one time weekly outpatient therapy. This increased to two times weekly during the 2014-2015 year.
- ❖ Both Child #1 and Child #2 had one time monthly psychiatric appointments for medication.
- ❖ Child #1 saw a neurologist in 2013 for multiple visits.
- ❖ Child #1 had two separate neuropsychological assessments.
- ❖ Child #2 had two separate neuropsychological assessments.
- ❖ Child #2 was seen at MGH in the Movement Disorders Clinic for evaluation.
- ❖ Child #2 was seen at MGH psychiatric clinic for evaluation.
- ❖ Child #1 and #2's parents were in one time weekly couples counseling for 2 years.

## The approximate cost of these services....

- • Child #1 therapy: \$15,000 (at \$60 per visit)
- • Child #2 therapy: \$18,000 (at \$60 per visit)
- • Child #1 and Child #2 psychiatrist: \$2,400
- • Neuropsychs for both: \$12,000 (at \$3000 a piece)
- • Neurologist: \$ 1000
- • Child #2 at MGH: \$1000
- • Couples counseling: \$ 8,000 (at \$80 each)

**\$57, 400**

## The Cost of PANDAS - School costs

- ❖ Child #1 was initially evaluated by XXX Public Schools in the Spring of 2010
- ❖ Child #1 attended a Public Therapeutic Day School from 2010 - 2015
- ❖ A Functional Behavioral Assessment (FBA) was requested and done at the parent's request during elementary school
- ❖ In-home behavioral support was provided through the Public Therapeutic Day School to support Child #1 at home
- ❖ Child #1 attended Extended School Year (ESY) every summer while at the Public Therapeutic Day School
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- ❖ In 2015, Child #1 moved to a Private Therapeutic Day School and remains at this placement
- ❖ XXX Public School transported Child #1 to and from these schools

## Approximate costs of these services.....

- • School based evaluations: \$15,000 evaluations (initial, twice more every 3 years) (\$5000 each)
- • Public Therapeutic Day School: \$175,000 (\$35,000 per year)
- • Private Therapeutic Day School: \$216,000 (\$72,00 per year)
- • FBA: \$500
- • In home Services: \$2000
- • Transportation: \$120,000 (\$20,00 per yr)
- • ESY: \$25,000 (\$5,000 per summer)

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**\$553,500**

## **The Cost of PANDAS - School Costs**

- ❖ Child #2 was initially evaluated and placed in a 45 day school setting for assessment during the school year 2011 - at a Public Therapeutic Day school.
- ❖ Child #2 remained at that Public Therapeutic Day School until the Spring of 2013 when he moved to another Public Therapeutic Day School, but further away.
- ❖ Child #2 moved to a 45 day school setting for an assessment at a Public Therapeutic Day School again in the Spring of 2015.
- ❖ Child #2 moved to a Public Therapeutic Day Middle School in 2015
- ❖ Child #2 moved to a Public School District (not his own, that has more specialized, sub-separate programming, but allows for a less restrictive setting) in 2015
- ❖ Due to significant gaps in his academics from missing class, Child #2 receives 5 x 55 min a day intensive reading supports.
- ❖ From 2011 through 2018, Child #2 had Extended School Year (ESY) services each summer.
- ❖ In the fall 2017, the family hired an attorney to support Child #2 being placed appropriately. Both school districts chose to bring attorneys to meetings as a result of this.
- ❖ Child #2 is transported to and from school by XXX Public Schools daily.
- ❖ DESE complaint filed by Child #2's parents against Public Therapeutic Day School

## **Approximate cost of these services.....**

- Two 45 day evaluations: \$10,000 (\$5,000 each)
- Public Therapeutic Day School Schools: \$175,000 (\$35,00 a year)
- Public sub-separate program: \$60,000 (\$30,000 a year)
- Reading supports:
- ESY: \$35,000 (\$5000 per summer)
- Transportation: \$120,000 (\$20,000 per year)
- Lawyers fees: \$5000
- DESE complaint: \$1000 (for time of staff to review and reply)

**\$406,000**

## **The Cost of PANDAS - State/City Services**

- ❖ The Department of Mental Health sent three professionals out to our home two times a week for over a year. They were on call for countless after hours calls and attended all school and hospital meetings for both Child #1 and Child #2.
- ❖ Our Local Police were called to the house at least 4 times.

## **Approximate cost for these services.....**

- DMH services: \$20,000 • Police: \$1000

**\$21,000**

## **COST OF UNTREATED PANDAS/PANS**

**Approximate total spent on both  
children:**

**\$ 1,212,325**