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...10. Major gaps exist with coverage around one off instances such as PSW/DSP illness, etc. Covid, flu, RSV mitigation will cause undue burden on those who almost qualify but fall between the cracks. The health gap/issue intersects with equity issues, because SB 91 restricting full caregiving benefits to extreme medical and behavior issues gives the message that some like Mia Mingus are calling "abled supremacy." This bill implies everyone but the most vulnerable should try to be like normal people, pull yourselves up by the bootstraps, work harder, avoid state and federal help.

11. The 30% cap of hours will exclude certain families, and make it challenging to support a child's autonomy of care

12. Providers and the health system is facing unprecedented crisis of labor and morale. Hospitals and ERs full, diverting, 911 delays, travel nurses paid high wages to fill gaps, even some pediatric hospitals sending patients to Idaho, Crisis Decision measures. The more we can afford to manage at home the less we stress the health system. Our neurologist suggested we AVOID calling 911 because our daughter's case is so complex.

13. Magically at 18 parent caregivers can be paid while qualifying distinctions in our loved ones do not follow age as a developmental trajectory. Most of us wouldn't objectively describe 18 as being a quantifiable marker for a distinction. Use tangential adult paid caregiver justification/logic for parents caregiving children too

Again, please persist to adapt the system so we can improve our loved one's life by using federal funds to allow a broad group of children with disabilities and behavior issues to have parents paid to caregivers for them at home, helping our loved ones thrive,

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