

Submitter: Stacy Jorge
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure: SB492

To who it may concern,

I'm a 46 year old disabled single mother. I am on disability and have Medicare/Kaiser Senior Advantage. My child has OHP and uses Kaiser as well. I have leukemia and am on an expensive chemo medication. If this legislation goes through, it may no longer be covered by my insurance. They would be able to pick and choose when to cover this medication or make me fight to prove I need it. Even after my Oncologist, says I do.

I also have a mutation which makes certain chemo's not affective in treating my cancer. This is my last resort before other methods are going to have to be tried. If this expensive med, that without insurance, coats \$20,000 a month, doesn't work, then more treatments would have to be discussed that also could be trials which might not be covered. There's also no generic for the medication I'm on. Or in a worse case scenario a blood marrow transplant or stem cell transplant would have to happen. Which I also might have to fight to save my own life. Even though a qualified, board certified, Oncologist states that I need these treatments or meds.

I shouldn't have to worry about my life saving medications no longer being covered. I should be focused on healing and beating my cancer. Not how I am going to survive if my treatments aren't covered. What if IV fluids, which helps me, is no longer covered. I don't make enough to pay on my own. I also have a port which needs accessed or else it will clot. Will that be covered if an oversight committee doesn't agree? People with no idea of my medical history may be able to make decisions about what is covered. And this I don't agree with.

So I urge you to vote no on this.

Thank you for your time,

Stacy M Jorge

Feel free to reach out to me if any clarification or further testimony is needed.