

To whom it may concern,

My name is Anna Taylor and I am a 35 year old woman with Cerebral Palsy. All throughout my childhood and adult life, I have had to have many surgeries for different issues related to my disability. While my disability only affects me physically, I still have a little bit of a speech impediment and this sometimes makes communicating with unknown persons harder.

My situation is unique to where I have support of family and friends who take the time to be a part of my care. Most of my experiences in the hospital have been positive and administrators have allowed parents and friends to be of support to me and them.

I can not imagine myself having to be with out any personal support worker who knows me and understands my speech and behaviors. They are also people who have been background checked and trusted by family. My physical limitations do not allow me to easily reposition my body or push buttons on the bed or easily feed myself while laying down. Having someone who already knows how to help me is of the utmost importance with my success while being in the hospital. My parents and sister can only do so much, that's why I have hired people to assist me in the times that my folks need a break.

I urge you to support Legislative Concept 52 to ensure that these vital supports are allowable in all forms of life, and are not denied in medical situations.

I understand that hospitals can not provide these services to our community, so it's only logical that we, ourselves, provide our personal workers to be with us just like any other situation that arises in our lives.

Thank you for your commitment to making the world to be a more accepting place of the physically and mentally disabled.

Thank You,
Anna Taylor

Sent from my iPhone