

To whom It concerns,

My name is Kayla Dulany and I am located in Lane county in the city of Creswell.

This is an emergency and these changes can not wait until next year because people with disabilities are experiencing barriers in health care today.

My foster daughter is 15 and had a major transplant up at Seattle Children's Hospital in September of 2019. She has had over 40 surgeries over the course of her life. She takes several medications including anti rejection meds that she will take for the rest of her life. She has diabetes, an ostomy bag, catheter, and Gtube. My foster daughter has high medical needs as well as other developmental disabilities. She needs high support on a day to day basis. We are regularly in contact with Seattle Children's Hospital. She will have to go through this the rest of her life. She has labs that she was getting weekly and now we are getting every few weeks and the results get sent to SCH. She also has to go up for biopsies which vary and we never know when we will have to go up to Seattle. Because of her transplant we don't have an option to do it locally. With that being said I have to transport her to Seattle for any test that Seattle is requiring we bring her up for. We do not know how long we will be there. My foster daughter needs constant supervision and she cannot be left alone. It is not an option for me to go take her up to Seattle and drop her off, drive all the way home, and then drive all the way back up to pick her up. Sometimes it could be a couple days sometimes it could be a week and that is unknown and is all based on the test results. On our way to Seattle I help with all of her medical needs. I am her primary caretaker and she has to empty out her catheter and ostomy bag throughout the day, has daily medications, Blood sugar checks, needs insulin, etc. I have to stay at the hospital with her because she can not be left alone. I am caring for her while at the hospital which includes supervision, and assisting with her day to day medical needs. I am there for total support and supervision. This is an emergency and it is very important that she is getting the support that she needs in the hospital and it's my job as her foster provider. I feel like she is being denied the proper care and support that she needs while in the hospital and that is not okay. This needs to change so that my foster daughter can get the care and support that she needs and deserves!

Thank you,  
Kayla

Sent from my iPhone