## **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 one medical Emergency Room visit, where she had a full body rash and intense joint pain.

#### 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**

#### 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)



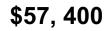
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#### The Cost of PANDAS - Outpatient treatment costs

- 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.

#### 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)



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

- Child #1 was initially evaluated by XXX Public Schools in the Spring of 2010
- 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
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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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#### **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 School District (not his own, that has more specialized, sub-separate programming, but allows for a less restrictive setting) in 2015
- The 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.

#### 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



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# Approximate total spent on both children:

## \$ 1,212,325