

February 6, 2023

Re: Oregon's Senate Bill 628

To Whom It May Concern:

As the Director and Program Manager of the Stanford Children's Immune Behavioral Health/PANS Clinic and Stanford PANS Research Program, we wanted to join in on behalf of our clinic and patients, to support the PANS/PANDAS legislation-Senat Bill 628 in Oregon. This Bill, will help to ensure all children in Oregon with PANDAS/PANS have access to the same care that the State of Oregon provides.

In May of 2022, the state of Oregon approved Medicaid coverage for IVIG (intravenous immune globulin), an antibody infusion used to help fight infection and manage various immunodeficient states. While not every patient in our clinic requires this level of treatment, they ones that have required it typically have life-changing outcomes from the drug.

We have learned that sadly, despite the Insurance Commissioner of Oregon issuing notice to all Oregon insurers about this advancement in coverage, Oregon insurance companies are still denying this medical treatment and delaying medical care for the sickest children in our state with PANS/PANDAS. Ten other states have enacted legislation ensuring that insurers cannot decide to withhold medically necessary treatment to children in their state and we simply ask that you please stand in support of Oregon's children who also deserve this same access to care.

Thank you for your serious consideration.

Sincerely,



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