

Submitter: Shannon Hinderberger
On Behalf Of: Patient with PANS
Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care
Measure: SB628

Dear members of the Oregon Senate,
I'm writing on behalf of Ben Hinderberger, a 14 year old with PANS. Ben is my son and has battled PANS since he was 7 years old. Because he has PANS, he deals with symptoms of anxiety, depression, OCD, ADHD, rage and most recently suicidal ideation.

He waited 11 months on a waitlist to be seen by a pediatric neurologist at OHSU who ordered IVIG after following the guidelines sent by OHA for treatment of PANS. IVIG was our last hope to help battle a PANS flare he'd been dealing with for the past year.

In December 2022, he was approved for IVIG and had his first round on 12-26-22. Before he started IVIG, Ben was failing all his classes, starting fights at school and arguing with teachers.

After his first round of IVIG, his symptoms of anxiety, depression, rage and suicidal ideation are gone. He's completed 4 rounds and is passing most of his classes with As & Bs. He's getting along with teachers and peers too ... a complete 180 from last fall.

Please consider passing Oregon Senate Bill 628 to improve the quality of life for children like my son Ben. We know many families who've been denied coverage for IVIG. IVIG has given not only me hope but my son, Ben.

Thank you for your time,
Shannon Hinderberger
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