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Hello,

I think it's common knowledge that the brain doesn't fully mature until well into the 20's. And a teenage brain, on MIND ALTERING DRUGS, is so so far from able to make good decisions. It is vital that parents can have a say in their child's care while they are a minor, and can have visibility on what care was given.

My son is 15 and has had addiction issues for years. He is not capable of directing his own treatment, or following up on appointments.

As someone once described it, would you ask a surgeon to operate on his own arm?

That is what we are asking kids to do, when they have mental health and addiction issues - asking an injured brain to make wiser decisions.

Please pass this bill. It helps the child and everyone who loves them.