

Sharon for Tyler



This testimonial is from Sharon Sherlund for her son, Tyler.

Tyler was in a catastrophic auto accident on 10/9/1986 when he was 2 years old. He had a severe traumatic brain injury and now has an intellectual disability, cognitive impairment, difficulties with communication, and is legally blind. Tyler has multiple physical impairments with contractures that cause him to wear a thoracic-lumbar brace and splints on all of his extremities. He is wheelchair bound and needs 24/7 care. AdvisaCare provides his care daily but I provide care as well including all of the overnight hours.

I do feel the frustration with the cut in hours and payment for aides, fast Food places are offering \$20.00 per hour, but the people caring for someone that has been injured in an auto accident are not being paid half of that. Some others are worse off than us with the amount of specialty care, therapy, and travel to appointments. The need for a caregiver to come in 24/7 is necessary because this allows a household member to go to work.

Sadly, this all changed rather quickly, some home care agencies had to close leaving no aides available. Aides have quit and gone elsewhere because of reduced wage. I feel this is totally wrong of the Governor and others in Lansing. They are actually forcing loved ones into nursing homes where their life will diminish. No one wants to see this happen!

Do they not see what this is doing?

SOLUTIONS

- Continuing the percentage formula of Medicare as outlined in SB1/PA21 (as is).
 - Provide language similar to our MI Worker's Compensation & Disability Act for Home Health Care Providers shall be reimbursed either at the providers usual & customary charges or reasonable payment, whichever is less.
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- This assures critically needed care & services would continue.
 - The addition of Medical Utilization Review, in the 2019 Statute, assures cost controls & sustainability.
 - Shouldn't drivers who purchase Unlimited Lifetime PIP coverage options, and therefore pay the MCCA fee, expect a robust Post-Acute network?