

LATE TESTIMONY

April 1, 2011

Dear Representatives Marcus Oshiro and Marilyn Lee,

It is with grave concern that I am writing to plead with you to PLEASE KILL SB1274.

I am the only family care giver for my Mother, Helen Finn. She is an Evercare client, and I have had to fight for her coverages ever step of the way since they took over as her insurance provider. They have been continuously trying to cut her hours, and I have been a constant struggle with them for over a year now! On one occasion, they actually said they were cutting her hours "due to the tasks she could complete on her own." The previous evaluation, which I obtained a copy of, stated at least 10 times throughout the report that the patient "cannot complete this task without assistance." It was like they had evaluated a completely different person...

I currently have legal representation in the matter, and without that, I would have probably had a nervous breakdown myself. If this right to an external appeal is taken away from the poor and disabled citizens of Hawaii, then the huge insurance companies will just steamroll them!! I had already gone through the 'Internal Appeal Process", and it was a joke and a waste of time. Of course they just denied the services again, like I knew they would. But it was the process that we had to go through before I could file an External Appeal, so I did what I had to do to fight for my mothers rights.

My mother is currently bedridden after suffering SIX strokes. Both her Primary care physician and her Neurologist have requested in writing that she gets 24/7 coverage from Evercare - YET THEY KEEP DENYING THE CARE SHE HAS BEEN PRESCRIBED BY TWO DOCTORS. They keep saying their doctor doesn't feel that she needs it. DR. ELLIS (EVERCARE) HAS NEVER LAID EYES ON MY MOTHER!!!

PLEASE HELP THE POOR AND ELDERLY CITIZENS OF HAWAII, AND DON'T LET THE INSURANCE COMPANIES TAKE AWAY THEIR RIGHT TO AN EXTERNAL APPEAL!!!!!! PLEASE KILL SB1274!!!!

Sincerely,
Patricia Anthony,
Daughter, Care Giver and Concerned Citizen

FINTestimony

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Comments:

SB1274 must be killed. It removes the only protection patients have regarding the denial of coverage by insurance carriers. While only less than 100 people need this protection yearly, for them it vitally important. Please kill SB1274