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LD 282

Good afternoon Senator Joseph Baldacci, Representative Michele Meyer, and distinguished members of this committee,

I am writing to you today to urge you to oppose LD 282, An Act to Allow the Department of Health and Human Services to Authorize Standing Orders .

My understanding is that “standing orders” by their nature foster a cookie cutter approach to a patient. Such an approach is flawed because no medical procedure is a one size fits all. Aspirin is safe for some people but can cause eye bleeding in others. Milk and chocolate are great for some people and cause significant problems to others. Vaccines have complex ingredients and have been labeled “unavoidably unsafe” by Congress in the National Childhood Vaccine Act of 1986. <sup>1</sup> Vaccines should never be taken lightly. Certainly the people that are targeted by this bill need individualized, precision medical care. To me, this bill is going in the direction of a technocratic approach to medical care for vulnerable people who are at the mercy of the state instead of individualized patient-centered care.

If a patient refused a standing order would that go on their medical record and negatively reflect on future care? This happened in my family when we refused a suggested treatment, my family member’s medical record said he had refused care and it followed him for years and interfered with insurance payments.

If the system currently is working without standing orders for vaccines and nonprescription drugs, then it seems like this bill is not needed.

Please vote to “oppose” LD 282.

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1 NVIC.org. National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986.