

Dear Chairman Gene Suellentrop:

We support SB 252 because our daughter, Nancy, who is mentally disabled and on Medicaid, no longer receives financial KanCare assistance due to having a \$3,870 spend down over a six month period. That is what she has to pay towards her medical and medication co-pays before KanCare will pay anything. Although, she receives a small amount from Social Security based on her past work record and an additional payment through SSDI as a disabled adult child of a retired parent, having to pay for all of her co-pays is a real hardship. Being on the Wait List for services that seems to have no end in sight, she uses her limited funds to pay for her own day services, rent, food, utilities, clothing and respite care. This leaves very little, if anything to cover the cost of her medical and medication co-pays that Medicare does not cover. She previously qualified for full KanCare coverage due to the Pickle Amendment, but because of the annual income adjustment by Social Security she no longer qualifies.

Nancy does not work now because of her intense anxiety, although she has worked in the past for which her SSA payments are based. Like many of her mentally disabled peers, Nancy has multiple health issues and needs constant medical and mental health care for her well being. We hope that through the adoption of SB 252 she would once again receive the financial assistance that she needs through KanCare.

Please adopt SB 252 for the sake of Nancy and all others that are in her fragile condition.

Sincerely,  
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