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My daughter, Brittney, was only nine years old when she suffered devastating injuries due to a car accident—as a result, she now needs lifetime care. Today, at age 23, she is able to live at home, where she also does the bulk of her rehabilitative treatment. Two years ago, after home care staffing shortages, I had no other choice but to quit my job to help out with

Brittney. **Brittney has made steady progress while being at home, but she is at risk of losing the care she desperately needs.**

Beginning July 1, 2021, a new fee schedule, part of the 2019 no-fault law, will be enacted. It slashes reimbursements for home care companies by 45%. My daughter's in-home therapy providers have already told us that such a drastic reduction in revenue will force them to close their doors. **Please help with Brittney's care, recovery, and rehabilitation!**

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House Bill 4486 and Senate Bill 314 offer a narrow and technical solution to the new fee schedule by establishing a fair reimbursement rate for all providers without affecting any of the other cost-saving reforms. This will allow my daughter Brittney to continue to receive the care she needs. **If the Michigan Legislature doesn't act quickly to pass this much-needed fix, my daughter Brittney will have her life upended.** Appropriate, specialized care for thousands of individuals and families throughout the state are depending on you, and those in need cannot afford a “wait-and-see” approach.

*- Kris, mother of Brittney*  
Resident of Traverse City, MI

## WHY WE NEED ACTION NOW

Brittney is **one of roughly 6,000 patients expected to lose care** if HB 4486 and SB 314 are not passed well before July 1, 2021.

HB 4486 and SB 314 provide a narrow fix. **They do not rewrite Michigan's entire fee schedule or undo reforms.**

HB 4486 and SB 314 **preserve the cost controls implemented** in the auto insurance law passed in 2019.

According to a member survey by the Michigan Brain Injury Provider Council, **86% of post-acute care facilities have little or no confidence they will be able to remain open** after July 1 without HB 4486 and SB 314.

# Support HB 4486 and SB 314

## Put vulnerable Michigan citizens first

HB 4486 and SB 314 provide a **narrow, technical fix** to an unintended consequence of Michigan's 2019 auto insurance reform package — **without rewriting the entire fee schedule, adding costs to the system, or changing any other element of auto no-fault reform.**

This technical issue must be addressed well before the fee schedule written into the 2019 package goes into effect after July 1. If it isn't, 9 out of 10 post-acute centers do not have confidence they can continue to operate. Without access to these services, patients with horrific injuries from life-altering accidents will lose access to care, and face chaos and disruption in their recovery process. Your constituents deserve better!

### What does this proposed legislative solution do?

- **Preserves access to specialized rehabilitative care** for people with serious injuries sustained in auto accidents — often as a result of somebody else's negligent driving.
- **Saves thousands of caregiver jobs**, according to a recent survey by the Michigan Brain Injury Provider Council.
- **Maintains cost controls** implemented as part of the 2019 insurance reform legislation.

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### Why should you support HB 4486 and SB 314?

- The bills offer a fair and reasonable cap on providers — no more than 200% of what Medicare will pay, just as the reforms dictate. **Providers are still held to their 2019 rates, if these rates are lower than the new fee schedule.**
- They allow **ethical practitioners** to remain in business.
- **They don't add costs to the system** while maintaining the long-term beds and services required to meet the needs of Michigan's patient population.
- **Time is of the essence**—even if the bills are passed quickly and immediate effect is granted, the 90-day waiting period puts additional strain on small businesses trying to keep their doors open to continue providing care.

### Who supports it?

**Affected patients and their families.** If the new fee schedule goes into effect as is, even family caregivers able to keep their loved ones at home will see their reimbursement rates gutted.

**Michigan voters.** In a 2018 statewide survey, nearly two-thirds of voters said we have a responsibility to continue our long-honored promise to provide care for auto accident victims with catastrophic injuries.

**Small businesses.** The MBIPC survey found that 86% of providers had little to no confidence that they would be able to keep their doors open after July. Nearly 5,000 Michigan jobs are on the line — many in rural areas — in an already shaky pandemic economy.

#### Advocacy organizations, including:

- The Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation
- The Michigan Assisted Living Association
- Disability Rights Michigan
- The Brain Injury Association of America
- Disability Network/Michigan