

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 240

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

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Marilyn Hartman

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Austin, TX

I support this important bill regarding insurance coverage for serious emotional disturbance in children. Please pass it.

Linda Mikolajek, Ms.

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Please support HB 240. It is important because This bill requires group health plans to cover treatment for serious emotional disturbance in children as indicated in parity statute.If left untreated,these conditions can worsen and have serious negative impact on the lives of the child and their family and community.

Thank you.

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Children suffering from severe emotional disturbance are in most need of care. Families attempting to obtain care for their children in this situation are put at higher risk of destabilizing when they are unable to afford quality care for their children. The vast majority of people, especially families that inevitably have many expenses, cannot afford psychological care without using health insurance. Children treated early for mental illness are at lower risk of continuing to suffer severe mental illnesses into adulthood. Given the importance and critical time frames involved in treatment, it is important for families to be able to access the benefits they pay for to provide care for their vulnerable children.