

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 270

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Hearing Date: March 30, 2021 8:00 AM

Amber Marin

PROTECT TX FRAGILE KIDS

Sugar Land, TX

I apposed this bill

Marlene Cohen

self

Dallas, TX

Long-term care residents on Medicaid consistently face a shortfall with the just \$60.00 in the personal allowance. This leaves them to prioritize their purchases and wait until the next month or longer for essential items. Just a small \$15 a month increase will have a huge impact on their quality of life.

One of my family members was a long-term care resident and on Medicaid. While she had family members who were able to help with small gifts of necessities, it put the person in an awkward position by having to ask for specific items. Many residents didn't have family who could help. By supporting HB 270 and increasing the personal needs allowance to \$75.00 a month, the lives of vulnerable long-term care residents across the state will be improved.

Thank you.

Rebecca Japko

Sister and guardian of woman living at Brenham State Supported Living Center

AUSTIN, TX

HB 270 would set the monthly personal needs allowance (PNA) of a resident to not less than \$75. This is just a \$15 increase from the current \$60. The PNA has been \$60 since 2001.

Over the last 20 years, the average annual inflation rate has been 3.10%. That doesn't sound too bad until you realize that at that rate prices have doubled since 2001. The cost of clothing, shoes, going out to eat has doubled since 20 years ago. The residents at all Long Term Supports and Services need the PNA to be higher to continue to replace their clothing and other items they need. This increase does not even come close to mitigate the cost of inflation but it is a start. I am asking the committee to vote yes to HB 270 and help the most vulnerable be able to replace items that Medicaid does not cover. Thank you.

Heather Martin

Self

Lumberton, TX

This is not what our special needs children need.

Allison Greer Francis, Mrs.

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The Center for Health Care Services

San Antonio, TX

My name is Allison Greer and I support HB 270 which would increase the personal needs allowance from a minimum of \$60 per month to a minimum of \$75 per month. Thank you!