

Testimony of HUSKY A Enrollee Heather Greene Before
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My name is Heather Greene and I live in Waterbury. I am a 33-year-old mother of two beautiful, wonderful daughters, ages 9 years and 2 years old.

I am very concerned about the forced changeover soon to capitated HMOs with few participating doctors. The last time I spoke with my children's pediatrician, they had no knowledge of any changes happening and they do not accept any of the new HMOs that are being forced on us.

My 9-year-old daughter suffers from allergies and asthma, and the doctors we have now we have formed a great relationship with, through them seeing both girls. They know their history and what works for them and what doesn't. To be forced to leave our pediatrician I feel would be detrimental to my children's well being.

I feel that having the option to choose Primary Care Case Management would be the best option at this crucial point for my family, and I feel it would greatly benefit other HUSKY families facing this forced change as well. If pediatricians sign up with this new program, and HUSKY enrollees then choose it, then these doctors can continue to see their HUSKY patients like my children, and without interference by an HMO.

The problem is, not very many people are aware of PCCM or how it works. I think DSS should be giving their HUSKY clients more information about PCCM so they can make the best decision for their families and their children.

With the changeover to the capitated HMOs, I also wonder how it will affect infants, toddlers, and older children when it comes to parents needing to get their children immunizations. With such a limited number of providers, I feel it will be difficult for many out there.

If we are truly thinking of our children here in Connecticut, then this is our last chance to help them out, by allowing families to stay with their current plan until PCCM is available, and informing all families on HUSKY about PCCM.

Thank you for your time.

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