

Testimony of Hope Greene, from Waterbury, Connecticut

Hi. My name is Hope Greene. I am 9 years old, in the fourth grade, and live in Waterbury with my Mom, Dad, and my baby sister.

I am here today because my Mom has had to do a lot of work to make sure my sister and I are taken care of the best way possible.

That means, making sure, my sister and I eat, get enough rest, and see the doctor when we need to.

My Mom had to choose a new plan when the HUSKY plans changed in February. My Mom said that only one plan had mine and my sister's doctor in it and that was the only way we could stay with our doctor. Why don't the doctors get to make the decision for how I am cared for?

I remember my doctor gave me a medicine last year for allergies, and the plan we had said "no" to the medication, but my Mom Fought until I got my medicine.

What happens to kids whose parents don't fight for them?

My Mom said there is a good new plan called PCCM. It means Primary Care Case Management.

My Mom said that under this plan my doctor can make decisions on how to take care of me and my sister best instead of someone sitting in a office making decisions on how to care for me and my sister.

I didn't know that my doctor had to listen to other people who are not doctors about me.

They are not a doctor, and they don't know me, so why do they get to question my doctor's decisions?

I hope we are able to go on PCCM. I hope lots of kids can go on PCCM and all our family's doctor's will take it, like before my Mom had to change our plan in February.

Thanks, and please help.