

Testimony before the Appropriations Committee
Human Services Subcommittee
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Good afternoon Senator Bye, Representative Walker, and members of the Appropriations Committee.

Hi, my name is Nikkole Emmerich and I live in Bridgeport Ct. I am writing to you to support some of the Department of Social Services(DSS) budget items, including to maintain higher reimbursement for primary care physicians. I am living with diabetes, high cholesterol, ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder), ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder), eczema and severe depression and therefor need to see my doctors on a regular basis.

It is very hard for me to make an appointment because my insurance won't pay for visits. I can only go to see my primary care doctor every six months and my primary care doctor is very booked up with appointments to see me. My insurance will only pay for doctor visits every six months and not every three months. Because of my diabetes I have to see my primary care doctor every three months but my insurance won't allow that and that is why it is very hard for me to make an appointment. I appreciate you taking the time and consideration to listen to my testimony.

Thank you very much.

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