

We are working with other concerned citizens to garner support for SB 418. This is a bill in the state senate that would update Connecticut's law allowing physicians a better process to get support from insurance companies when they are prescribing off label drugs. Right now there is a great deal of inconsistency in the process.

Connecticut's current law does not work because it provides that an off label drug has to be recommended on a listing of 2 out of 3 standard medical compendiums. Two of these compendiums no longer exist so there is no way to get around it. Some insurance carriers have used this as a shield to avoid allowing clearly effective treatments. To their credit, other insurance carriers recognize the effectiveness of these off label applications and follow the recommendation of the prescribing physician.

As a Simsbury resident I am requesting your support for SB 418.

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