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Waste is one of the biggest drivers of healthcare costs. Waste comes in many forms. One of the most widespread is ineffective treatment based on inaccurate diagnoses or failure of diagnosis.

Unnecessary restriction of services which limits the capacity for accurate differential diagnosis leads to ineffective and failed treatments in both direct and indirect iatrogenic damage of patients.

This wasteful cycle is particularly true in complex cases which require adequate neuropsychological examination to determine the relative contribution of various types of brain disorders and psychopathological conditions.

As a Connecticut licensed psychologist and neuropsychological examiner with 35 years of experience including the opportunity to do forensic reviews of thousands of evaluations by multiple specialties, have personally witnessed how this wasteful cycle of unnecessary restriction of initial differential diagnosis of mental health and neurocognitive conditions has resulted in untold financial losses and misery to patients and families who have experienced consequential ineffective, failed or damaging treatments.

Additionally, these types of examinations often materially and substantially benefit from inclusion of family members and significant others who may provide history and perspective which may for a variety of reasons be unavailable to the identified patient. Without this input from significant others as part of the process critical information may remain unavailable to support accurate differential diagnosis.

If I may be of further assistance in clarifying my comments in support of Senate Bill 99 please do not hesitate to contact me.

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