

Hello, my name is Gabriela, I am a mother and I live in new Haven. I support S.B. No. 956: "AN ACT PROVIDING HEALTH CARE FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS", with clear language that extends eligibility for all HUSKY programs to all CT residents, regardless of their immigration status.

Having health insurance would be great for everyone, especially for children. I have a little girl that needs to be seen by specialists because she has poor eyesight. She especially needs a pediatric optometrist which is very expensive. I couldn't have her seen before because I didn't have medical insurance. They told me that they cannot treat her if she does not have medical insurance because she had to pay for the consultation at that moment and since the costs are very high, many times she cannot afford the expenses at that moment. In another clinic, it turned out that my daughter was being treated incorrectly and instead of helping her with her prescription, they were hurting her because they did not know how to measure her vision properly.

Now, another clinic helped me so that they could see her and now they give her care, but it's always a "but" when it comes to the [lack of] medical insurance for my daughter. It would help us and change our lives in a such a good way for all the people who need insurance, especially in the case of children who were not born here. That is why I would like an insurance that facilitates the medical care especially to children because in many cases like my daughter's she was affected by the fact that she was not properly cared for and her glasses were not properly prescribed. Thanks to a referral, she went to another place and we had her attended to because she was getting worse. Finally, she has proper care but that is after many years of struggling to get her the care she really needed.

Thank you,
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