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Please consider this a written testimony about the BRC Strategy: Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Rate Methodology.

My son, Nathan Mayer, a thriving 23-year old University of MN college graduate with a product design degree and already a productive, contributing member of society with a full-time job, has a significant genetic physical disability (spinal muscular atrophy type II) that requires a significant amount of medical equipment in order to be thriving and living a quality, productive life. His main medical equipment includes a power wheelchair, respiratory equipment (a bipap, a CoughAssit, an oximeter, a nebulizer, a Suction machine all of which have many supplies needed to function properly), feeding equipment (feeding tube, feeding pump, syringes, specialized formula), a hoier lift, a commode/shower chair, ankle/foot orthotics. Any type of Medical Assistance budget cut to any of this equipment/supplies will cause significant hardship to Nathan's well being and therefore quality of life. Nathan is a "glass-half full" type of person and will always look for the positive in a situation, but the reality is that he thrives not only because of that take on life, but also because of medical equipment/supplies, home health care and technology. He already has an uphill battle to climb just being a person with a disability. Even getting his job, that he is so proud to have and excited to me making money, only to find out about so many of the rules that govern exactly how much money he can make/assets he can have in his name just because he has a physical disability and he needs the programs that allow him to have people help care for him and the equipment that he needs. Please don't take/cut the programs that help pay for the supplies he needs to live a quality life! This will be a travesty to so many Minnesotans and a huge step backwards in equity for people with disabilities.

Feel free to call to discuss this further if needed. 612-242-7488

Sincerely,

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