

Ms. Funaro:

I am writing regarding Governor Branstad's rush to implement the Medicaid expansion. It appears he has the 'cart before the horse' in his rush to implement this change. We don't know yet if any of our local healthcare providers have signed contracts with the insurance company assigned to my disabled son. We don't know if he will have to change insurance companies and we are supposed to decide by December 17. I think there are a lot of Medicaid consumers who do not have anyone to help or advocate for them with this change. There is just too much change, too fast, in my opinion. I feel it should be delayed six months to give everyone time to navigate the system.

Thank you.

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