

To all Whom This Concerns:

It is the 11<sup>th</sup> hour.

The decision ~~to~~ whether to privatize <sup>medicaid</sup> or not to privatize ~~is~~ upon you and it will affect every handicapped person and elderly in Iowa and their families. ~~by law~~

I am asking you - please do not privatize / "modernize" medicaid.

Gov. Branstad and his Agencies cannot give straight answers about how this will work. He is forcing people to sign contracts with fraudulent insurance companies that are being sued in other states. This is not a secure program. These companies can deny claims at anytime. There is no way handicapped people are going to get proper care and the medicines they need. For some, I'm certain, it will become a life or death situation.

Considering that three patients died and one became homeless and blinded himself and Gov. Branstad isn't remorseful or accepting any responsibility when he closed the two mental health hospitals I really don't think he cares what happens

To Our Handicapped ~~people~~ people,

We are being forced into putting our handicapped loved ones in the hands of thieves and shysters; kind of like snake oil ~~salesman~~ <sup>salesman</sup> of old.

My grandson is autistic with severe, violent behaviors that are controlled with seven different medicines. He has a doctor who understands his needs and he needs a regular blood chemistry test, again, these insurance companies can deny his claims as they want, what happens to him then?

My grandson will be autistic the rest of his life.

Gov. Branston cannot guarantee that handicapped people will get the health care and medicines they need under privatized medicaid.

Please deny Gov. Branston's request to privatize medicaid.

Keep medicaid under the scrutiny and control of government.

Thank you

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