

From: Catherine McNicoll <CatherineMcNicoll@scstatehouse.gov>
To: Danny Varat <DannyVarat@scstatehouse.gov>
Date: 9/18/2017 11:19:25 AM
Subject: RE: Luke Mosteller

Just spoke with the Lieutenant Governor and got a better understanding. Then Gwen from PEBA called back and I have sent her just the initial email from the Lieutenant Governor with the families information and the letter from the doctor. They are going to look at it in house and see if they can identify the disconnect, they are also going to work with BCBS to provide the information from the doctor. If the claim is still denied PEBA will help with an appeal to BCBS's decision.

*Best Regards,
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From: Danny Varat
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 10:23 AM
To: Catherine McNicoll
Subject: Fw: Luke Mosteller

Please call PEBA about this today. And, please call me about the other insurance issue just emailed to me.

From: Bryant, Kevin <kevin@kevinbryant.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 17, 2017 2:45 PM
To: Danny Varat
Subject: Re: Luke Mosteller

yes, and I may add Luke's story to rotary because of the high doses of Dilaudid he's caught up in "mental health" as an addiction when it's really Cyclical Vomiting Syndrome from extreme abdominal pain.

Sincerely,
Kevin

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On Sun, Sep 17, 2017 at 1:58 PM, Danny Varat <DannyVarat@scstatehouse.gov> wrote:

Is his mother a state employee?

From: Kevin Bryant <kevin@kevinbryant.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 17, 2017 1:55 PM
To: Danny Varat
Subject: Fwd: Luke Mosteller

I spoke with Doug Friday and would like to see if we can ask either peba &/or bcbs of sc would reconsider the denial to cover Luke's treatment at Johns Hopkins for the rare disorder he's suffering with.

See below and let me know your thoughts

Hey Kev... Doug Mosteller. I just forwarded you the e mail that Dr Treisman at Johns Hopkins sent to me regarding Luke. Luke's full name is James Lucas Mosteller... birthdate is July 30, 1992. His Blue Cross policy is under the name of his mom, Sharon B Mosteller and the policy number is ZCS33513042. Thanks so much for your help and please let me know if I can get you any further information or if you need anything else from Dr Treisman or any of Luke's doctors. Also, please let me know if you received Treisman's e mail letter. Doug....[864 314 0847](tel:8643140847)

Kevin
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Doug Mosteller <mostellergroup@hotmail.com>
Date: September 16, 2017 at 4:26:34 PM EDT
To: Sharon Mosteller <sharonmosteller@yahoo.com>, Luke <lukemosteller@gmail.com>, "kadams@mcw.edu" <kadams@mcw.edu>, "douglas_drossman@med.unc.edu" <douglas_drossman@med.unc.edu>, Kevin Bryant <kevin@kevinbryant.com>
Subject: Fwd:

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Begin forwarded message:

From: g treisman <glenn@jhmi.edu>
Date: September 16, 2017 at 3:57:14 PM EDT
To: Doug Mosteller <mostellergroup@hotmail.com>



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Dear

This is a letter regarding Luke Mosteller, a patient referred to me by Dr. Drossman in N Carolina. Dr. Drossman is one of the foremost authorities on unusual conditions in gastroenterology and to diagnose patients with rare GI syndromes involving dysmotility. Dr. Drossman is familiar with the work we do here at Johns Hopkins in the Pain Treatment Program. Specifically, he asked us to try to treat Mr. Mosteller for a severe illness involving vomiting and abdominal pain that is likely a variant of Cyclical Vomiting Syndrome. We have had many successes with this condition, although it is difficult to treat and there are very few resources for treatment. Mr. Mosteller has failed all of the trials he has had with other doctors, and we offered to accept him on the Pain Treatment Program inpatient ward to try to get him better.

Our program is a rehabilitative unit specializing in chronic pain syndromes, just as serious and life threatening, but not traditionally psychiatric. Because this ward is officially a part of psychiatry, his insurance company (as is often the case) has refused to authorize his admission because their criteria require that he is either suicidal or has hallucinations. Our admissions coordinator did everything in her power to get the insurance company to recognize that this problem requires the expertise we have, but to no avail.

This is a common problem for patients who cannot get care because the insurance companies divide care into medical, psychiatric and substance use “carve outs” and they can then say that whatever the patient has should be paid for by another group. I was unable to get the medical director at Blue Cross to return my calls to discuss this case. The ironic thing is that if we got him better, whatever the cost, it would save them money over what they are paying for now. Our team is unique in our expertise with this kind of case as we have expertise in pain, neurogastroenterology and psychiatry. I believe it is likely that we can help Mr. Mosteller, and Dr. Drossman believes that he has a treatable illness that we are likely to be able to improve.

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