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Dear Sir;

I would like to voice my unrestrained opposition to the insurance coverage that is changing and putting the huge burden of payment on the person who happens to have the unfortunate disease, ESRD. I want you to completely understand that none of these people would have this condition if they had a choice. It is such a life changing situation, it consumes so much of their life that many are not able to work. Because they are not able to work they live on an extremely limited income. If they were to have to assume the majority or even an increased amount of the cost, many would have no choice but to terminate treatment.

I cannot help but wonder what these insurance companies stance is on their cancer benefits. Are they changing the coverage for these people also? I cannot help but also wonder what the media might say about these companies that are jeopardizing these peoples lives.

I have been informed that there is a total of 175 pt's within our company that will be affected by this. That is a very large number considering we are just one of the companies affected. It is very upsetting to me due to the fact that the pt that I work with is very hard working, has done everything that has been asked of him and is going for a transplant. He and his wife have not asked for any special handouts or benefits. They are the common people that so frequently are placed in a position beyond their control and will be the most affected. They do not live beyond their means and are just trying to survive the best they can. It makes me angry that a company can make these decisions that so greatly affect someone and if the truth be known it is for the all mighty dollar. I understand that the companies have to make a profit also but these are lives that we are talking about.

My patient that is going for a transplant has every intention to return to work after he receives the kidney. He will not be able to do this if he is denied the transplant. He can be at the very minimum delayed for the transplant if he does not have sufficient funds or insurance coverage for this. He is young and has many working years ahead of him. It will cost the health care system much more to cover his treatment if he is unable to get the transplant. He is very high on the list and could be transplanted soon, but will not be if his coverage changes again. If you look at the big picture it is a much better financial decision to continue with the present coverage.

I know you all have a hard decision to make, and I am confident that you will keep the peoples best interest in your heart.

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