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Re: Letter in Support of HB 6242

Dear Senators Lesser, Anwar, and Hwang, and Representatives Wood, Comey, and Pavalock-D'Amato:

Aimed Alliance is a 501(c)(3) non-profit health policy organization that seeks to protect and enhance the rights of health care consumers and providers. We are writing in support of HB 6242, and we ask that you approve the bill for a full vote before the legislature.

HB 6242 would prohibit health plans and others from using the dollars-per-quality adjusted life year (QALY) or any similar measure as a threshold to determine coverage or reimbursement of a health care service. Aimed Alliance supports this language as it reflects a long-standing ethical concern in the U.S. that the approach would lead to discrimination based on age and health status, unfairly favoring younger and healthier populations. Patients with health conditions are valued at less than whole, and QALYs do not adjust for disease remission. Therefore, despite long-term stability without disease progression, patients are never valued as whole. Moreover, QALYs put a price tag on the value of a human life that merely reflects the individual's diagnosis and deems those with chronic, complex, debilitating, and rare conditions as being worth less than the rest of the population. They treat individuals' lives and health as a commodity and ignore the patients' and practitioners' individualized concept of the value of treatment. QALYs are then used by insurers and other payers to justify limitations on patient access to treatment, all of which can be harmful.

For these reasons, we support HB 6242 and encourage you to approve the bill for a full vote before the legislature. Please contact us at [policy@aimedalliance.org](mailto:policy@aimedalliance.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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