



Dear Client Families,

Many of you have reached out to us regarding the recent class action lawsuit filed against Anthem by a family of a child with autism. We are saddened to hear of yet another unnecessary battle between an insurance company and a family affected by autism.

As a member of InPEAT (Indiana Providers of Effective Autism Treatment), we have addressed Anthem's review process since 2013 through many avenues - individual appeals on behalf of our clients, filing complaints with the Indiana Department of Insurance, meetings with the Arc of Indiana Insurance Project, and meetings with Anthem directly. These efforts, so far, have netted little change to their review process.

While we support this effort, we believe it is important to maintain this as a parent fight. As providers, we have a financial stake, and our opinion will not be seen as objectively as yours. Additionally, we have worked diligently to establish and maintain a productive relationship with multiple organizations in Indiana regarding the provision of Applied Behavior Analysis therapy. We have even had small successes with Anthem in other matters outside of their review process.

For these reasons, InPEAT has chosen not to engage in this fight publicly. Anthem is well aware of our position, as included in the InPEAT mission statement is a goal to define "medical necessity" as it relates to ABA services. At this time, we feel that there is no real benefit to the families engaged in this lawsuit to have InPEAT involved, however, we are hoping that we will have a large part in this once the lawsuit is settled.

So for now, we believe it's best to maintain a cordial, professional working relationship with Anthem and to continue to participate in discussions with them on this subject. So while you may not see our name in the newspapers, on Facebook pages or writing blogs on this topic, please be assured that we are working hard to make changes behind the scenes with Anthem every day.