

#109 GREAT NEWS: Katie Beckett-Deeming Waiver Update and More

Dearest Advocates:

I have fantastic news.....

Dept of Community Health (DCH) has determined that they CANNOT charge co-pays for services used by children who access Medicaid through the Katie Beckett- Deeming Option (also known as TEFRA).

Therefore, there is no longer a need to contact your legislators on this issue at the current time. Thank you so much for those that have already done so! Please continue to stay posted on how you can continue to get involved during this legislative session.

In addition, please remember that **Disability Day at the Capitol is Thursday, February 24th**. For more information and to register for the event, please go to:

http://www.ciclt.net/sn/events/e_signup.aspx?ClientCode=gcd&E_ID=500037&RegType=ATT Please remember we have a new Governor that needs to hear our **voting voices and see our numbers**. This is a day that we can continue to unite as one to show our strength and concern with making sure that individuals with disabilities have the proper resources in this state to succeed in life. The actual Rally at the Capitol takes place at 11:00am but you will want to get there early to pick up your t-shirt and lunch wrist band, etc Hope to see you there.

Also - Below is information regarding a new non-profit organization called Better Angels Ministries, Inc. Greg has been advocating for individuals with disabilities for many years and has a wealth of experience in understanding the issues families face.

Once again, I'm very surprised and happy that the Katie Beckett-Deeming Waiver co-pays have been eliminated from the budget proposal so soon!!!! Many thanks to all those involved in this issue down at the gold dome.

United – We Will Make A Difference!

Heidi J. Moore

(Proud Mother to Jacob - 11 years old with Down syndrome & Leukemia and Jared - 9 years old)

Rosalyn and I have started a non-profit called Better Angels Ministries, Inc. We want to promote awareness of people with disabilities to the general public. Our goal is to educate the public about the family dynamics involved for families that have Developmental Disabilities in their make up. We also want to offer family retreats with a therapeutic twist for families to help them better understand the dynamics they are experiencing and how to make the most of it.

As you know I am an ordained minister, 23 years, and I have a long career of working with people with Developmental Disabilities and their families, having served over 3200 individuals in Georgia. I know God has a plan for all his children and I know that God is never taken by surprise by having children born or

develop disabilities in their formative years. Rosalyn and I are available to share these messages with Churches and other groups. We may be contacted via email at greg.kirk@ymail.com or 229-924-2885.

Here is the link to our videos on Youtube search 2299424759 and the videos will pop up.

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If you would like to receive Jacob Moore's updates or post a prayers, please go to:

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/prayforjacobmoore> or www.teamjacob.org. To make a donation in

Jacob's honor for childhood cancer research, please go to:

<http://www.active.com/donate/jumpingforjacob>. To watch Jacob's Cancer Journey video:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GjPfmIZ76g

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"Help The Children Now, So They Can Help Themselves Later!"

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