

Chair Manchester,

Hello and thank you so much for reading our story of support for Bill 212 that would increase the age to 26.

Our daughter was first diagnosed with a bleeding disorder called Von Willebrands when she was 7 years old.

Her body has trouble making clots that stop a bleed so she would bruise and bleed easily and sometimes need medication to stop the bleeding.

We have health insurance and make too much for Medicaid but qualified for bcmh (bureau for child with medical handicaps) which has been a life saver for our family. There is no way we would be able to afford her medication and care without it.

Our daughter just turned 18, and through the years we are at the ER monthly getting iv medications to treat her bleeds. Between monthly infusion medication being sent to the house, Ivs and all the supplies that goes with that, hospital visits, ct scans and doctor visits every month we fear her future if she loses this insurance when she turns 21.

She just graduated high school and is starting college in the fall, there is no way she could afford to just be a normal new adult with the amount of medical bills for her care.

Her infusion meds alone are thousands of dollars, there's no way even working a full time job that she could pay one month of bills from treating just one bleed. Let alone afford college, food, gas, housing anything.

There is no cure for this so it will be a lifelong battle that she bravely fights.

This bill is vital to our family, it has been such a blessing to us over the years and has kept us afloat.

The young adults need this fighting chance to help them not just be their disease or disorder but have help that lets them soar in life without worrying and having to choose between their life and reaching for their dreams.

Thank you so much for hearing us!

The Hunger Family

Tony, Starr, Brooklyn Hunger