

As an unpaid caregiver for an individual with multiple disabilities, I am deeply concerned about the trigger language regarding the group 8 population. If the situation were to occur, thousands of unpaid and low wage caregivers would no longer have access to medical care. Regardless of existing conditions including those related to mental health, requiring frequent follow up visits to a doctor, and/or prescription medications, loss of health care for a caregiver would have a catastrophic impact on the caregiver as well as the individual who relies on them to meet their basic needs every day. I strongly urge the committee to remove or rephrase the trigger language regarding the group 8 population.