

Hello members of the committee,

My name is Pavithra and I am a mother of 5 year old boy named Vidyut. He has severe autism. He has been impacted and regressed a lot ever since school closures due to COVID-19.

He has been getting teletherapy for speech, Occupational therapy and Applied behavior analysis from a handful of providers. I have been getting trained in the methods they treat him and he also gets services over telehealth platforms. The services help him to stay in routine and helps him in not regressing further.

I've been given to understand that the insurance companies don't see the value in it. That is not acceptable or even true. Parents do. Kids do. I hope you do the right thing by the families and help special needs children like mine not lose telehealth services.

Thanks,
Pavithra