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HB 292

**INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PEDIATRIC AUTOIMMUNE
NEUROPSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS**

WHAT ARE PANDAS/PANS ?

PANDAS

- Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections
- Occurs when a strep throat triggers a misdirected immune response

PANS

- Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome
- Misdirected immune response from *infectious triggers, environmental factors, and other possible triggers*

BOTH

- Result in inflammation in a child's brain
- Child begins showing life altering symptoms rapidly
- OCD, anxiety, severe restrictive eating, tics, personality changes, decline in math and handwriting skills, sensory sensitives, and more

TREATMENT NOT COVERED

INSURANCE: PEDIATRIC NEUROPSYCH DISORDERS

- 1 in 200 children in the U.S. alone are affected by these disorders, an estimated 870 children in Alaska
- Lack of awareness, treatment guidelines first published in 2015 & 2017
- Very recent research from Yale and Stanford confirm the presence of a biomarker in these children
- PANS/PANDAS are treatable, early treatment = better outcome



HB 292 PROPOSES **INSURANCE** **COVERAGE.**

When treatment is not covered by insurance, the cost for a family to pay privately is exorbitant with one treatment costing tens of thousands of dollars on the low end.

QUESTIONS?