

Utah Neuro Rehabilitation

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To whom it may concern;

I am a physician specializing in physical medicine and rehabilitation. I manage children with disabilities. I often inject their tight muscles with botulinum toxin. Idaho Medicaid is forcing me to use the highest cost medication for these injections. They do not cover Dysport, they only cover Botox. These are both botulinum toxin A. Dysport is FDA approved for use in children with lower extremity spasticity, Botox is not. I have been using Dysport in my practice since 2012, and patients' have done exceptionally well with this drug. The average sales price for Dysport 500 units is \$763. The equivalent amount of Botox is 200 units, and the average sales cost is \$1158. This is a \$395 difference. I understand that Allergan is subsidizing Idaho Medicaid for Botox. However, if the appropriate billing units are used are they really subsidizing enough to make up this significant difference? Also, how will we ever control medical costs in this country if a state Medicaid program is not allowing use of the lowest cost medication for patient's and providers? Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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