

Angie was hit by a car while crossing the street on her bicycle—leaving her with severe injuries. Now 28 years old, Angie is working toward rebuilding her life thanks to the rehabilitative services she receives, which she could lose under the fee schedule.

On August 21, 2018, a little after 7 p.m., I was riding my bike home from my job as a clinical coordinator at Michigan State University, when a driver stopped and waved me to cross the street near Frandor Shopping Center. I crossed safely in front of the first vehicle but was hit by a vehicle in the next lane. I sustained a fractured skull, severe traumatic brain injury, significant eye and vision damage, and a broken scapula.

I was in a coma and hospitalized for nearly two months. I spent eight months in a rehabilitation center—and now, I live at home with my husband, Ryne, and require 24/7 attendant care. I’ve been receiving in-home therapies twice a week for the past two years, and I’ve made more progress receiving these therapies at home.

**These therapies are the only reason why I can walk and talk. It’s why I am home making progress and not stuck in a nursing home. It gives me hope. It gives me a second chance.**

The services I receive are helping me get back to where I can use the education that I’ve worked so hard for—and hopefully, one day, I can return to my profession so I can help others.

**If the fee schedule is not corrected, my progress would stop. I would not be able to access the specialized services I need to recover.** I would be lost without my case manager, who ensures I receive the quality care that I need. The new law will take away my opportunity to work toward a healthy place where I can contribute to society. I have my whole life ahead of me. Please let me continue to recover.

*- Angie Weber*  
Resident of Haslett, MI



**WHY WE NEED ACTION NOW**

Angie is **one of at least 6,000 patients expected to lose care** if HB 4486 and SB 314 are not passed well before July 1, 2021.

HB 4486 and SB 314 **preserve the cost controls implemented** in the auto insurance law passed in 2019.

HB 4486 and SB 314 provide a narrow fix. **They do not rewrite Michigan’s entire fee schedule or undo reforms.**

**The bills offer legislators a stark choice:** Protect access to care for thousands of critically injured accident victims, as well as future accident victims—or take the side of big auto insurance companies, who have raked in record profits during the pandemic.



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# Support HB 4486 and SB 314

## Put vulnerable Michigan citizens first

HB 4486 and SB 314 provide a **narrow, technical fix** to an unintended consequence of Michigan's 2019 auto insurance reform package — **without rewriting the entire fee schedule, adding costs to the system, or changing any other element of auto no-fault reform.**

This technical issue must be addressed well before the fee schedule written into the 2019 package goes into effect after July 1. If it isn't, 9 out of 10 post-acute centers do not have confidence they can continue to operate. Without access to these services, patients with horrific injuries from life-altering accidents will lose access to care, and face chaos and disruption in their recovery process. Your constituents deserve better!

### What does this proposed legislative solution do?



**Preserves access to specialized rehabilitative care** for people with serious injuries sustained in auto accidents — often as a result of somebody else's negligent driving.



**Saves thousands of caregiver jobs**, according to a recent survey by the Michigan Brain Injury Provider Council.



**Maintains cost controls** implemented as part of the 2019 insurance reform legislation.

### Why should you support HB 4486 and SB 314?

- The bills offer a fair and reasonable cap on providers — no more than 200% of what Medicare will pay, just as the reforms dictate. **Providers are still held to their 2019 rates, if these rates are lower than the new fee schedule.**
- They allow **ethical practitioners** to remain in business.
- **They don't add costs to the system** while maintaining the long-term beds and services required to meet the needs of Michigan's patient population.
- **Time is of the essence**—even if the bills are passed quickly and immediate effect is granted, the 90-day waiting period puts additional strain on small businesses trying to keep their doors open to continue providing care.

### Who supports it?

**Affected patients and their families.** If the new fee schedule goes into effect as is, even family caregivers able to keep their loved ones at home will see their reimbursement rates gutted.

**Michigan voters.** In a 2018 statewide survey, nearly two-thirds of voters said we have a responsibility to continue our long-honored promise to provide care for auto accident victims with catastrophic injuries.

**Small businesses.** The MBIPC survey found that 86% of providers had little to no confidence that they would be able to keep their doors open after July. Nearly 5,000 Michigan jobs are on the line—this will be especially devastating for access to care in rural areas, in an already shaky pandemic economy.

### Advocacy organizations, including:

- **The Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation**
- **The Michigan Assisted Living Association**
- **Disability Rights Michigan**
- **The Brain Injury Association of America**
- **Disability Network/Michigan**
- **Michigan Occupational Therapy Association**
- **Michigan League for Public Policy**
- **Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council**
- **Michigan HomeCare & Hospice Association**