

Indiana Kids Matter
Speak Up FOR INDIANA KIDS

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Helping kids should be easier for licensed pediatric therapists with advanced degrees to serve our Indiana children.

Imagine this, after serving a child with autism and educating the parents during an hour-long evaluation, a typical pediatric occupational therapist will spend an additional hour writing a 4–5-page report. This report is read by a third party “taxpayer funded” review team following unrealistic standards to approve full services or limit them.

- The therapy clinic receives no extra funding for this additional hour of work.
- Therapists are burning out and leaving the profession even though they worked hard for advanced degrees in their profession.
- Pediatric clinics already have great working relationships with local pediatricians and Indianapolis specialists.
- These 3rd party reviewers spend taxpayer’s money on unnecessary reviews.
- These reviews require excessive administrative burden on clinic staff.
- Therapists simply want to help children reach their potential.
- Excessive administrative burden limits the number of children served by pediatric clinics across the state.
- All Indiana pediatric clinics have wait lists for physical, occupational and speech therapy.
- Rural communities all over Indiana could benefit from pediatric clinics, but they struggle to hire and retain staff due to administrative burden and funding constraints.

With all this frustration, why do pediatric clinics still exist? Therapists know the earlier they serve your community’s children, the less money it costs Indiana in the long run.

In 2025 session, Indiana Senator Tyler Johnson is proposing Prior Authorization legislation to limit managed care organizations from harming our Indiana children.

Taxpayers deserve to know that their dollars are helping children in need, not being thrown away because of unnecessary bureaucracy. The house and senate should support prior authorization reform because it helps children receive what they need while they are still making the biggest strides in their development. 321Go Kids supports Senator Johnson's prior authorization legislation.

A link to this press release can be found at www.321gokids.com/speakup