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HIV has become a chronic disease, and sometimes an organ transplant can enable an individual extended life. Therefore it is important not to discriminate against an individual with HIV. If an organ transplant will possibly allow an individual to live longer by receiving a transplant, this should be made possible. Please do not deny an individual with HIV the possibility of a transplant because of an HIV positive status.

It is very important to prohibit health insurers from denying or limiting coverage for organ or tissue transplantation services on the basis that the insured, member, enrollee, or subscriber is infected with the human immunodeficiency virus

I fully support Bill HB2119 to be passed, to enable those with HIV to not be discriminated against because of their HIV status.

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