

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS31291 / HCR027

Some insurers in Idaho cover medically necessary IVIG treatment for children who suffer from PANDAS/PANS. Some, however, deny this coverage for potentially outdated reasons; this failure to cover this medically necessary treatment is leading to brain, behavioral and other health problems for some of the approximately 400 Idaho children who need and can benefit from IVIG treatment. Because some insurers cover IVIG treatment and some don't, market distortions are increasingly placing the coverage burden on a subset of providers. This is leading to market failure and one that is jeopardizing the health and safety of a few hundred Idaho children.

This resolution does two things.

First, it calls for the Department of Insurance to work with leaders of the private insurance industry to address this market failure by ensuring needed coverage throughout the market and reporting back to the legislature before next session.

Second, it declares October 9 of this year to be PANDAS/PANS Awareness Day in Idaho.

### FISCAL NOTE

This legislation causes no additional expenditure of funds at the state or local level of government, nor does it cause an increase or decrease in revenue for state or local government, therefore the legislation has no fiscal impact. The Department of Insurance can conduct this consultation and analysis with current staff.

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