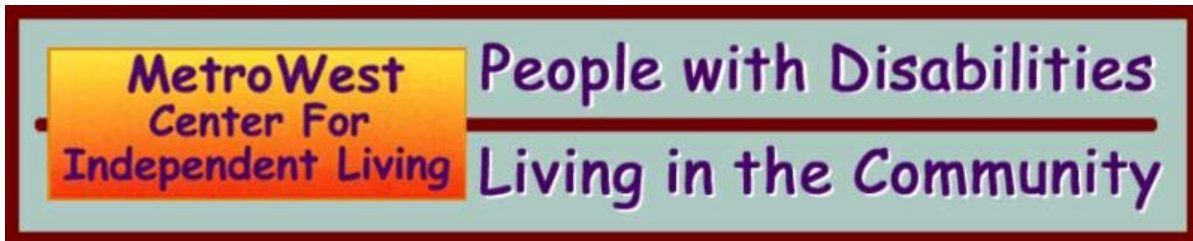


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Non-Medical Switching

MetroWest Center for Independent Living joins the [Disability Law Center](#) (DLC) and many other local and national organizations in opposing an unfair insurance practice called non-medical switching or NMS. NMS occurs when insurance companies make changes to coverage that ultimately force patients to switch their medication.

Many individuals with disabilities are forced to change the medication that their doctor prescribed and that works well for them when an insurance company or plan decides that it is now too costly to cover. The insurer will end the coverage for that medication and force the individual, *without their doctor's input*, to switch to another medication, putting their health at risk.

These coverage changes take place during the plan year, long after open enrollment. NMS locks consumers into a plan that may no longer meet their needs.

Please help - If you've been a victim of non-medical switching, share your experience by taking this survey developed Global Healthy Living: <https://www.research.net/r/STF7DTL>

After advocates asked state legislators to address this issue, the [Medication Switching Commission](#) was created to examine the issue and report back to the MA state legislature. This survey data will be used to inform the Commission and legislators about the impact of NMS.

Please take the survey and help us obtain the information and data we need to end this unfair and potentially dangerous practice. And share the survey with others!

Thank you.

Paul Spooner, Executive Director

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