Why Medicare’s 6 Protected Classes Matter to Movement Disorders Patients

People with movement disorders such as:
- Parkinson’s Disease
- Huntington’s Disease
- Tourette Syndrome
- Essential Tremor

Can also experience mental health conditions or clinical symptoms such as:
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Psychosis

Medicare requires health plans to cover all approved medications for 6 high-risk conditions, including mental health.

The policy ensures patients have:
- Uninterrupted care
- Choice among medicines
- Access to treatment

Proposed policy changes could weaken Medicare protections for mental health medications, exposing movement disorders patients to:
- Access barriers
- Delays in treatment
- Medication switches

The 6 Protected Classes Protect Patient Access.