

# 2009 - It's Time!

## *Why We Need National Health Care Reform Now*



**Daryl Salyer pleads with the TennCare Oversight Committee not to reduce his children's home nursing hours.**

Daryl Salyer of Blountville is a father of four and has worked for 27 years at Eastland Chemical. Two of his four sons have muscular dystrophy and scoliosis. Aspiration precautions must be taken with both of them. This means someone must always be present to suction their airways in case one of the boys begins to choke on their own fluids. Daryl's wife Jeannie has foregone a career in order to provide as much care as she can for their sons, who have been prescribed 24/7 home care.

As the boys' illnesses progress, it has become physically impossible for Daryl to work and Jeannie to watch both of their boys at all times. David fought tears when he testified to the TennCare Oversight Committee on Tuesday, September 30, 2008, explaining that he and his wife take shifts staying awake to keep their sons from choking. They need more than the 27 hours a week of home care to which they will be reduced in order to help bathe, feed, dress, and medicate and transport their disabled children, especially as they grow and their illnesses progress.



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