

Georgia Teen Denied Transplant Over History Of 'Non-Compliance'

A 15-year-old boy in DeKalb County is in desperate need of a heart transplant but doctors say he doesn't qualify for the transplant list.

Anthony Stokes is receiving treatment at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston.

Doctors have told his family that Anthony has less than six months to live, but he can't be put on the transplant list because of a history of non-compliance.

"They said they don't have any evidence that he would take his medicine or that he would go to his follow-ups," said Melencia Hamilton, Anthony's mother.

Hamilton told Channel 2's Tony Thomas that the transplant is the only fix for her son's enlarged heart.

Keepers of the nation's transplant list have strict guidelines about who qualifies, and while doctors didn't specify the reason, family friends told Channel 2's Tony Thomas they've been told it's partly because Anthony has had low grades and trouble with the law.

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