



Medicaid expansion

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Good morning

My name is Nakia Rosario. I am writing regarding Virginia's failure to expand their medicaid program and my personal experience with it.

I was laid off in October of 2013. I had full health care coverage for myself and my three children at the time. In April of 2013 I found a lump on my breast that was biopsied and removed. I began to have recurring infections at the biopsy site. In October the infection was removed and the breast was reconstructed. My family and I are currently covered by Medicaid because I am still unemployed, not because I don't want to work, but because I am unable to find a job in this market. Under this current medicaid system I am unable to see my physician to treat the infection that keeps coming back, nor am I able to see my physician to treat my symptoms associated with my Lupus, which I was diagnosed with in August of 2012. I would further add, that while I can appreciate a system that covers obgyn coverage and birth control, I took care of all of those issues while I had full coverage at my own expense.

The cost to an emergency room is far more expensive both time wise and financially for the state in comparison to having a patient go to their primary care physician in a case like mine. Not to mention, a primary care physician knows their patients history, they know what they are treating, they are better equipped for referrals. As a matter of fact, my primary care physician was referred to me from a trip to the ER when my symptoms first began some years ago because at the time I did not have one (and it saved me TONS of money).

At this time I am in need of treatment and prescription coverage which this program does not take care of. I would appreciate some guidance on how to get the necessary assistance since the state is opposed to the expansion.

PS I'm not opposed to a job with benefits either so that I wouldn't have to complain about the Medicaid program. But, I'll be honest, I would still advocate for those in need of better coverage because it's the right thing to do, there are people in need out here.

Thank you in advance for your time.

Sent from my iPhone