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Comment - I work as a volunteer with dozens of people with disabling mental illness whose conditions are extended or worsened as they follow tortuous paths to find the healthcare and transportation they need and as they go deeper into debt. We need to remember that these neighbors did not become ill by choice and their pains lead to more attempted suicide than in the general population. Often they are uninsured and unemployed and in desperate financial situations because of their illness. I'm absolutely convinced that this scenario also has contributed to their returns to hospitals--repeatedly, in some cases--which could have been avoided. Making them eligible to Medicaid coverage as soon as possible is the humanitarian and cost-effective things to do.