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Comment - Having worked in the health field for over 30 yrs. I have seen situations that the system has failed those who are in need of medical care and can not get Medicaid due to financial guidelines. So many people fall through the cracks. They are not poor enough for assistance but they still can not afford the high premiums for private ins. I am one of those people. I worked since 1972 in the healthcare field. When I retired 10 yrs ago I did so without being able to afford the 800.00 a month Cobra premium. So it is now over 10 yrs and I still can not afford to pay the high premiums. I had to pay out of pocket for surgery 6 yrs ago which dipped into our savings . They need to expand the definition of Medicaid to include people who are not indigent but who are medically needy. I am not poor enough for Medicaid as it is defined in our State. But I am not rich enough to pay for private ins. So where does that leave me when I need surgery or am critically ill. Where do I go? There is nothing more anxiety ridden than fearing that you have no where to go if you are critically ill.