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## New MIRC Comment

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**Comment** - It's imperative that every individual has the opportunity for good healthcare. My daughter was struck with a mental health diagnosis at age 33. She's an honor graduate of VT and has worked at least 2 jobs since the age of 14. She can no longer hold down a job that would provide her with health benefits and a decent income. She has to depend on community services for psychotropic meds, nurse practitioner, case manager and therapist. If she does not receive these meds and services, she will end up living on the street. treatment. With treatment and services, she's able to work jobs with low stress and minimal income which enables her to pay her rent and expenses. So, a lot of the homeless, unemployed could potentially be rehabilitated with the appropriate treatment and services. Consequently, keeping them from being incarcerated for larceny and other small crime charges that likely occur because of their mental health. It's a much more productive society to rehabilitate and treat and see a return on the investment as opposed to incarcerate, release and likely repeat. I