

My name is Mary Weber. I am a single mom with 3 children. I have been in the education field for the last seven years working as a Paraprofessional. I have not had any health insurance for over eight years because my employer did not offer insurance to classified employees. The only insurance they offered was dental and vision, NO health insurance. I tried to apply for the Affordable Care Act last year and was turned down because I don't make enough to get the insurance and I make too much to get on Medicaid. I really believe that expanding Medicaid would give those of us who try to make a living and provide for our families a chance to get the well check-ups we need. I have a family history of breast cancer. In fact I'm at a higher risk for it because I have it on both sides of my family. My Mom was diagnosed with it a couple of years ago.

I had high hopes of being able to get insurance through the ACA so that I could get the check ups and health care I need to be able to stay healthy for my family, just to have it shot down because I'm in the gap of people who can't afford it.

When I found out that Brownback refused the expansion of Medicaid even though the federal government would pay for 100% of it for the first year and then 90% of it after that, I became upset since he is the one who screwed it up for me to get insurance. After all I was one who had voted for him the first time around.

Please expand Medicaid so that those of us who need it can get the health care we need. Thank you.

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