

I, with many others would really like to see Medicaid Expansion.

I am a single mother and even though I have a decent job, have not been able to provide health insurance for my daughters. When my oldest lost her coverage at 19 she went without any insurance for 5 years, until last year when she got a job at Wesley Hospital.

During that time she had many medical expenses, including a C-section that was 27,000 dollars. Now my youngest daughter will lose her coverage next month when she turns 19 and I cannot afford to pay for her on my policy from work because it is 450.00 a month for 1 dependent. She is a college student that makes 200.00 a month working at college part time. How is she supposed to pay for any kind of insurance?

If she doesn't have insurance next year at tax time she can't file taxes because she won't have a insurance card. I will not be able to claim her as a dependent without a card either.

I also have a sick boyfriend that lives with me because he lost his business because of his illness. I could not claim him as a dependent either, even though I support him, because he has no insurance and no income to pay for any. I don't understand how so many young people and low income people can just be swept under the rug and forgotten.

Even though I have insurance for myself through work I hope I never have to go to the hospital because of such high deductibles, so I can't imagine not having insurance at all. I hope this helps in some small way.

Thank you.

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