

My name is Julio Garcia. I was diagnosed in November 2019 with leukemia, Anemia and scarring on the liver. I have recently been hospitalized. While I was there I was so worried. i did not know how i was going to pay my bill. A social worker from the hospital came to my bed. she said to me" Don't worry about your bill. We are here to help people"

The way I feel is that if you don't have health insurance, you are an outsider. You have to come up with this much money. Now homeless people are doing without. Without being able to have access to health care, people are self medicating. They feel they are misfits. they try to take care of themselves but they are killing themselves.

There should be more opportunities. More doors open for people who are homeless.

I want to work. I want to work but I can't because I am under a doctor's care. There is no use in my trying to find a job, because once or twice a week I have to go to a doctor. Most employees won't put up with that.

It makes me so frustrated. and it makes me depressed. We need to expand medicaid now. If people had a solid footing, a solid brick to stand on, it would build people's self esteem. It would make for a better world.

Please make a difference in the lives of people like me. Expand medicaid now

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