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Nicole Jorwic

From: Kelly Deaver [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 12:06 PM
To: Nicole Jorwic
Subject: Oklahoma Medicaid Matters

My daughter is 34 years old and mentally handicapped. My husband and I are semi-retired. Our medical insurance through my husband's work will not cover our daughter as she is over 26. BTW, that was not the case before ObamaCare. They would have covered her as long as my husband still worked there, she was disabled and lived at home. It seems many insurance companies did this when ObamaCare "raised" the limit for children living at home. It lowered the limit for those with disabilities living with their parents!!!!

Without Medicaid we would have to pay over \$800 a month for medication. My husband only brings home \$800 a month after paying insurance and taxes out of his check. She is relatively healthy other than medication for mental disability. As it is, she can't get well women OBGYN exams but she can get birth control??? She has no dental coverage so we pay that out of our pocket since dental health is linked to so many other illnesses. I would be scared to death what would happen to her if she did get sick and there was no health insurance for her. **Please keep those who can't help themselves upmost in your mind.** If you cut Medicaid it should be a cut to those who are able bodied and could work but don't. My daughter has to prove disability to stay on Medicaid and SSI. Why is that not true for others like immigrants?

Sharon Deaver
Norman Oklahoma
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Date: 2017-09-22 07:44:14
To: My Senator
From: genell dtopp
State: Oklahoma
Email: [REDACTED]



I am 67 year old woman with MD, on a ventilator and use a wheelchair. I have have to have 24 hour care even though the state will only pay for 84 a week. I depend on Medicare and Medicaid >.my life depends on this services. I worked for years paying into Security, Medicare and being single a great tell of taxes. Please stop this death sentence for us who fight everyday to live with some quality of life,. Thank you Genell Stopp

Date: 2017-09-22 21:22:57
To: My Senator
From: Tammy Richard-Cleary
State: Oregon
Email: [REDACTED]



My name is Tammy and I have a intellectual disability and I have Medicare and Medicaid and I also have grant that is to pay for my providers and my activities I want to do my medical is very important to me due to I have a seizure disorder that my medicine is really expensive and wouldn't be able to pay for it on my own. I also have depression and ptsd due to a traumatic experience when I was a young teenager so please consider what you are taking away form me.

Date: 2017-09-21 20:53:28
To: My Senator
From: Becky Venice
State: Oregon
Email: [REDACTED]



We are elderly parents caring for our daughter with Down Syndrome. She is 52 and lives with us. Because we have the Medicaid waiver in our state she has support in accessing the community, has support at a part time job of her choice and lives a full and happy life.

If she no longer has these supports, her life would be drastically changed as would ours. We are no longer able to provide her with the supports she needs to thrive in the community. I am pleading with you, don't change the Medicaid laws!!

Date: 2017-09-22 14:23:46
To: My Senator
From: Yvonne Schutt
State: Oregon
Email: [REDACTED]



Dear Senators, September 22, 2017

I am writing to you today on behalf of my adult son, Derek, who has developmental disabilities. Derek was born with microcephaly, which is a small head circumference in which the brain does not grow. Due to the microcephaly, Derek was diagnosed with developmental disabilities at an early age. The developmental disabilities included gross and fine motor skill deficits, as well as cognitive deficits. We were advised early on by physicians specializing in genetics, that it was unlikely that Derek would progress past the age of two years in any function in his life. We were devastated but believed that there was hope and that Derek could learn and develop with help. We have been fortunate throughout Derek's life to have the support of physicians and educators who have helped us to seek the best treatment and educational programs for Derek.

Derek is thirty-eight years old, he has Medicare and Medicaid insurance. Derek receives Social Security Disability Insurance monthly. Derek also has a Section 8 housing voucher. Derek gets a small monthly food stamp allowance.

Medicaid pays Derek's Medicare premium, and also picks up any balance that Medicare does not cover. Derek also has pre-existing conditions which would be cut under the Republican Medicaid cuts. If Medicaid did not pay for services beyond what Medicare pays, Derek would have no financial ability to pay health care bills.

In addition, Derek has services through a brokerage which is funded by Medicaid. These brokerage services pay for a support person to assist Derek with activities of daily living as well as community supports. Derek lives in an apartment, but would not be able to maintain his living situation without the supports that are funded through the brokerage by Medicaid. Derek also receives an annual transit pass through the brokerage.

I am very concerned about Medicaid funding. Numerous news items have given very mixed information about changes to Medicaid, whether that be cuts in health insurance, assistance programs, brokerage services or other programs.

My son Derek, as well as many of his friends who have developmental and intellectual disabilities, rely on the assistance Medicaid provides with health related issues as well as assistance programs. These young adults cannot function independently without support.

These young adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities want to be functioning members of the communities in which they live. Living independently is a challenge. Assistance is a mandatory part of their lives in order to function to the best of their abilities. Abilities that for many that do not come naturally.

I implore legislators to improve and fund Medicaid to the fullest extent possible. There are people, like my son Derek and many of his friends, who absolutely need assistance in order to be functioning citizens.

I shudder to think of the developmental and intellectually disabled persons that would be cut off from essential services. And what of them then, who is going to make sure that they continue to live to the best of their abilities. I have a difficult time

understanding how the Republican Senators can be so callous in their thinking. Does no one in the Republican Senate have family, extended family, friends, co-workers who have a developmental/intellectually disabled adult in their lives, does no one in the Republican Senate have family, extended family, friends or co-workers with pre-existing conditions, does no one in the Republican Senate care about anyone but themselves and the almighty dollar that they can put in their pockets. Does anyone care?

My son, Derek, follows the news to the best of his ability and he is angry at President Trump and those who support his policies. Granted Derek does not fully understand all the news, but he certainly understands decency, equality and what is right and what is wrong. And in Derek's opinion cutting programs to help people like he and his friends is just plain wrong.

I implore you as a parent, advocate and guardian to rethink the values and ethics that should bind our country together. We should be looking at where help is needed, and what kind of programs need to be funded and upheld. Medicaid is a valuable program with long reaching effects. Please look into your heart and do what you know is the right thing, which is to keep funding to Medicaid intact.

Date: 2017-09-21 17:52:27
To: My Senator
From: Sarah Fjeldstad
State: Oregon
Email: [REDACTED]



As a Master of Social Work, and professional in the disability field, and as sister to two siblings with developmental disabilities who rely on Medicaid-funded supports in order to live in the community with their friends and family, I am appalled that we are even having this conversation.

Need I say more, than to quote: "A nation's greatness is measured by how it treats its weakest members." ~ Mahatma Gandhi

"A society will be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members and among the most vulnerable are surely the unborn and the dying," ~Pope John Paul II

I'm disgusted that Republicans continue to carelessly, brazenly, attempt to strip life, liberty, and the pursuit of justice from people who rely on Medicaid, in the name of satisfying their billionaire base. Well guess what, WE are your constituents - family members, friends, advocates, and people with disabilities - and we say NO! to cuts to Medicaid, and after more than 60 partisan-led votes - we say NO! to repealing the Affordable Care Act. And perhaps after this pathetic money-grab fails again, the voters who once supported this horrific bill's sponsors will finally say NO! to Graham, Cassidy, and all the rest .

By your failure to demonstrate compassion and humanity toward Americans in need, it is clear that Republicans do not represent us, the American people.

Date: 2017-09-23 01:47:32
To: My Senator
From: Tammy Williams
State: Oregon
Email: [REDACTED]



With out outside help to take care of our 17yr old nonverbal autistic son he wouybe board with life. Able to stimulate in a corner isolating himself from his family. He has a lot of fun going out with his mentors. We send extra cash for dinner and treats. His sibilings get better care from us and he gets unique time spent that's positive Henry time!

Date: 2017-09-22 20:48:08

To: My Senator

From: Irina Klimenko

State: Oregon

Email: [REDACTED]



K-plan and Medicaid are amazing help for people as my daughter

I'm working full time but still not making enough to help my daughter with all her needs. I can say whatever been provided to my little one made such a big difference

I want my daughter grow up as tax payer but she needs help right now when she's young enough to learn new skills and start to practice it.

Do not remove services for kids with ASD