

The Problem with Health Care is: Most of Us Can't Afford it!

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I think the most challenging aspect of health care is that most of us can't afford it. You can't afford to get sick or go to the hospital. What about eye care, or going to the dentist? You just can not do it. If you have a low-income job, you probably don't have health insurance,

and you definitely don't earn a living wage. You're probably struggling to pay the rent and put food on the table. Right now, the best jobs where I live are in the factories, but they only pay \$9 per hour. It now takes two jobs to make ends meet.

We should have free health care centers in our communities so people can see a doctor or a dentist when they need to. The provider could bill the State, and the State could set up a fund for this purpose. Each county could set up their very own, all-in-one type clinic just for this purpose. Just think if you could walk in to one of these clinics, and be able to get whatever type of medical service you need!

Just think of how much better life could be for some of us, if not all of us, in today's workforce. Even employers would benefit because they would have healthier employees. Is it too much to ask for the State to make a commitment to the poor that are in dire need for these services? After all, are we not the backbone of this country when it comes to the labor force? We need to stay healthy.



Michael Donthnier, age 50, was going to be hired at the Plastipak factory in Jackson Center, OH, but they rejected his application when they noticed he doesn't have a high school diploma. He is now doing temporary work while he studies to get his GED at Auglaize Mercer Adult Basic Literacy Education in Celina, OH. Read another student's opinion about health insurance: "Dreading the Cost of Getting Hurt" by Amber Demeray at <www.nelrc.org/change-agent/extras>.

Can you imagine another interaction? Write your own dialogue above.