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Catherine M. Blake - People from Mild Brain Injury Support Group testimony

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Bobbi Ingram -

I've had several TBI's and cannot get health insurance on my own. The insurance companies say I have too many medical conditions and take too many prescriptions.

Anonymous I -

My entire family has either brain injury challenges and/or mental illness challenges, yet we supported my son (who has a brain injury) in leaving a residential facility that was harmful to his well-being. There were not enough people to staff the facility. If he had access to the health care he needs, he could be more independent and not need residential or family support and would COST LESS. Our family is barely able to take care of ourselves. I also have a brain injury. I barely support myself, but not enough to afford health insurance (I live with my other son who helps me pay bills). I have some physical and cognitive issues that could be really helped by medical attention. Doing acupuncture, colonic therapy and herbal therapy has helped me stay alive. I would like to see CHOICE OF HEALTH PROVIDERS included in the coverage program and taking the pressure off the general practitioners so they can SPEND MORE TIME WITH PATIENTS.

Anonymous II -

I was in a car accident in August, 2005 which was not my fault. I was getting rehabilitation and trying to work (managing bank accounts worth millions of dollars). In my recovery, I did body work (acupuncture, cranial sacral, and Feldenkrais) because I can't take drugs because of too many side effects (inherited from family). I would like to see a CHOICE of HEALTH PROVIDERS.