

Hello,

I have worked in mental health care in Idaho and Oregon and I have seen how much Oregon's medicaid has already helped families who are way under poverty. With all the mental health hospitalizations I saw last year, there were many middle class families with a family member in crisis and even with the insurance premiums they paid every month they still did not get much coverage for mental health care. People who were actively suicidal with poor insurance were sent home with well wishes after 48 hours. Right now you need to make under 14k a year to be eligible for medicaid. 14k in Portlant is ridiculous when the average rent is over \$1000 a month. My water bill last month was \$500 and I have no health care despite being college educated. We need healthcare for all to help pull lower and middle class people people out of this recession!