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My 39 year old adopted son is mentally ill with Schizo-Affective Disorder, (bipolar with voices), and he 'self-medicates'. Mental illness is a health issue. He needs quality on-going treatment, not just 90 days in the Oregon State Hospital or a trip through rehab that doesn't address his mental health issues. He has been failed by the system. He also needs general health care on an on-going basis. I am so worried about his lack of health care that it's affecting my own health. If you ever sit in on a zoom Alanon Meeting or Nami Meeting, you will hear how broken Oregon's health care is and what families go through. It's a 'revolving door'; mentally ill, addicted people go in and out, without real on-going help. After awhile they give up and we've lost them.