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I was born with diabetes. As such, I rely on the healthcare system to keep medication and supplies affordable. Going even one day without insulin would be unhealthy. Weeks or even months without insulin would result in hospitalization.

One can only imagine the apprehension I felt when I lost my job, and by extension my insurance. Securing a new job right away wouldn't necessarily have helped either. Many business don't offer healthcare until the employee has been working for as little as three months (if not six or even a year).

While I eventually obtained insurance through the Healthcare Marketplace, the fact that healthcare isn't universal in the US (as it is in other developed nations) is a looming fear. This bill is an excellent step toward catching Oregon up with other first world nations.