

Support for Ohio Bill 440

I am John Carpenter and have severe periodontal disease. Dental care is not included in my Blue Cross health insurance policy.

My gums are deteriorated and I have lost several front teeth and am about to lose several more.

My wife Suzanne cannot get an eye doctor to check on cataracts. If she should find one it will require \$500 up front that we cannot afford.

She developed a cancerous lump in the breast and there was a small spot on the lung that was too small for biopsy. The insurance would not cover an ordered PET scan that would determine whether it was cancerous requiring intensive chemotherapy.

We have two sons with disability on Medicaid living with us and spend 20% of our limited income on medical care for them and ourselves.

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