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I, Joyce Harris, widow of William Harris who worked as a coal Miner for many years, before returning from the Mines. His last eleven years of life, he was a crusader from Major strokes and heart attacks.

Needless to say we had to experience, sad, and heart breaking years, together, and if it had not been for his Coal Mining benefits and insurance we could not have survived the Major doctor bills, hospital, therapy, and medicines he had to have.

We that had worked hard all our lives, had some money saved had our home paid in full, looking forward to a comfortable retirement, especially with his benefits from long years of hard Coal Mining work.

But we never think about illness until it happens to us. With eleven years of sickness before his passing we had to spend what we had saved, and then Mortgage our home, and I certainly don't know what we could have done without his insurance, and pension from Coal Mining work. It was so such a blessing, he was in a Veterans Nursing home 35 miles from home, the last 6 yrs of living, because I was not able to care for her at home any longer I did it 4 years, - until I was getting sick, it cost us our Savings, a house to be mortgaged, to keep her in the home.

Now I have doctor bills, & drug bills which is very expensive and without his benefits, & insurance, he worked at the mines to home for the rest of our lives. I really don't know how I can survive. I could not afford to pay doctor office calls, & drug bills and a Mortgage bill, plus another insurance, & my every day stay home bills.

Another insurance at my age 72 yrs old would probably be high. Even if I could even get one, - I certainly could not afford another insurance at any rate. Social Security does not go to far. With Electric, water, & other monthly payments as

I would really be hustling without my husband's Major Pension
And Insurance.
If I loose my health care from my late husband's hard work
I stand to ^{not} only loose my health from not being able
to afford doctor bills, & my drug bills;
But to loose my home as well. It scares me to death
to think about ^{what} is at stake for me. Without the
health care, he was promised when he retired.

Thank, & I appreciate you reading my experience with
my husband's sickness and now mine as a widow.
and what may be at stake for me in the future
if I loose my health care. I am totaly scared
to death about the future, & my health care

Thank you again

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