

# FIGHT FOR QUALITY HEALTH INSURANCE: WE DESERVE DEBT-FREE CARE

**Getting healthcare treatment should never mean going broke.** More than a quarter of Americans can't afford their medical bills because employers shift health plan costs onto working families through high out-of-pocket costs and fewer covered services due to narrow networks. This puts our families' financial futures at risk and discourages people from getting the care they need.

**Working families deserve access to specialists, mental and behavioral health providers without high out-of-pocket expenses:**



*"No parent should have to choose one child over another. My oldest son has received ongoing behavioral health treatment at an inner circle hospital. When my younger son was diagnosed with multiple behavioral health conditions we took him to that same hospital. It is unfortunate that the health system I work for does not have the specialists my children need. When the only hospital we could find to treat our children was eliminated from our inner circle plan, we were faced with thousands of dollars in medical bills that we cannot afford."*

– Jennifer, Registered Nurse in Ocean County, NJ

*"Over the past few years, my daughter has struggled with mental illness needing treatment and services not offered in our local community. We have traveled across the country to get her the right treatment to keep her healthy. My employer health coverage has increased out-of-pocket expenses resulting in thousands of dollars in medical bills that I continue to fight just to lower the amount I have to pay."*

– Kathleen, Registered Nurse in Monmouth County, NJ



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