

2009 - It's Time!

Why We Need National Health Care Reform Now

Gloria Brown worked for 38 years as a nursing assistant/monitor tech. During 20 of those years, she also worked off and on at a Memphis brewery. When she retired last summer at the age of 63 she became uninsured. Although she worked her entire adult life, she is unable to afford private health insurance. Gloria now spends about 20 percent of her modest social security income paying out-of-pocket for needed diabetes and blood pressure medications, doctor visits and dental care.

Charity clinics cannot supply her with the eye care she needs, so her vision problems go untreated. Like many people, Gloria has tried to cut down on medical care she can live without. Last October she went off of her blood pressure medication for affordability

reasons. When she started experiencing the headaches and fatigue that signify high blood pressure, Gloria had to scrimp, save and borrow money from family members to pay for her medicines. "I've also got to pay rent and buy groceries," she says. "My little bit of money doesn't last."

Today, she is simply trying to maintain her health and hope for the best until she is old enough to receive Medicare.



Gloria Brown retired from the medical field after 38 years and cannot afford health insurance.



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