

2009 - It's Time!

Why We Need National Health Care Reform Now

Wanda Wallace traveled from west Tennessee to Nashville to speak to the TennCare Oversight Committee concerning her patient Princess Woods in Union City. Princess is 42 years old, legally blind, bipolar, schizophrenic and has multiple personalities. Starting in 2003, Princess was in and out of hospitals for overdosing on her medications. Some of the time this was intentional. Some of the time it was because she could not see what she was taking.



Wanda Wallace addresses the TennCare Oversight Committee on behalf of her patient Princess Woods.

Finally in 2005, she was able to get the care of a 24/7 home nurse. Princess' health is much more

stable since she has had this consistent care. Unfortunately, since Governor Bredesen has broken his promise to expand home care, Princess Woods currently has the choice of living in a nursing home or receiving 28 hours a week of nursing care in her home.

This drastic reduction in hours leaves Princess to her own devices far too much of the time and historically, this is dangerous. Groups of people and certain sounds can over stimulate Princess to the point of violence, so a nursing home would also be a dangerous environment for her. Princess' mother already cares for her ill husband and a granddaughter and does not know what she will do for Princess.



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