



Utah's Uninsured

**SPEAK UP**

*Temporary agencies don't offer health insurance, makes too much money to receive Medicaid but not enough to afford an individual plan...*

## **Stanley C., Age 57**

Stanley has been a carpenter most of his life and has been uninsured for the past 9 years. He works mostly for temporary agencies, and they don't offer medical coverage. Stanley was recently hit by a car, fracturing his ankle and leaving him unable to work. He currently receives no income; nonetheless he was denied by Medicaid because he makes too much money when he *is* employed.

*No photo: subject prefers to remain anonymous*

### ***The situation becomes more complicated...***

From his recent ER visit following his accident, Stanley still has unpaid ambulance fees, x-ray fees, and many prescriptions that have yet to be filled from the accident. He has no way of paying for this ER visit and other health care he may need for his recovery. He also has problems with his back and sciatic nerve which causes him severe pain when sitting. His back pain grew worse when he was unable to pay for a doctor. Eventually Stanley found his way to the 4<sup>th</sup> street clinic, which treated him regardless of his insurance status.

### ***Re-entering the workforce...***

Stanley would like to get another job when he can walk again, but he is missing several front teeth. This makes him self-conscious. He doesn't have the thousands of dollars it costs to get a new bridge so he is left to deal with the dental problems somehow on his own.