



Utah's Uninsured

SPEAK UP

Preexisting health conditions can make it scary to change jobs.

Terri Wright, Age 52

Like most Utahns, Terri is a hard worker. She raised six children while holding down a job as a mortgage broker. However, also like most of us, life has not been entirely smooth and predictable for her.

Two recent events have changed Terri's ability to get health insurance. First, two of her children died tragically in a car accident. As a result, Terri has been battling depression. With medical help, she has been able to overcome this horrible event and continue to work and live her life.

Second, Terri recently changed jobs. Unfortunately, her new employer does not offer health care coverage. Because of Terri's depression and a heart murmur, she has been repeatedly denied health insurance on the individual market.

Terri cannot afford the state's high risk pool, HIPUtah. *"Unless we fix our health care system, I don't believe I will have health insurance until I qualify for Medicare. That's a long time to wait."*

