

Not having AHCCCS has affected me a whole lot because I had my tubes tied. I have to have regular check-ups and I can't because I don't have AHCCCS. Another thing is if I get sick I can't get my medication because it is expensive and I can't pay either.

-FDC Client

Not having my son with me or my family, I do not qualify for AHCCCS. I am not able to receive benefits which shut the door on me to get the care I may need.

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I lost my coverage and could not pay for my birth control pills. I became pregnant shortly thereafter.

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Not having my AHCCCS is really hard not being treated for health. I have lots of bills. I am homeless and very sick right now. I would love to get the help I need.

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Because I lost my AHCCCS I was not able to get my six week checkup after having my son. It also made it harder to get the mental health services I need and substance abuse services I need. We are supposed to learn to take care of ourselves but not having any health insurance makes it harder to do so.

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I can say that it was terrible to lose my AHCCCS at a time when I feel I needed it most, for not only my physical health but my mental health. In CPS we have to attend many, many

appointments. That is over a one year span. Many of us are on foot and on the bus during the winter and the summer. I got ill so many times during the year. I even needed to have teeth extracted. None of these painful situations could be helped. We are being told to take care of ourselves. Instead we must suffer with whatever is wrong. We need AHCCCS! Please~

-FDC Client

Just being in CPS does not mean we should lose health coverage. CPS wants us to get everything up to their standards and what about our health. I am sick and I need to seek medical attention ASAP. When I get my kids back then I will get back my AHCCCS and in the meantime get sicker. Thanks~

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For me it has been rough losing my AHCCCS. I am diagnosed with hyperthyroidism and since I lost my insurance I haven't been able to take my medication. The side effects of my diagnosis are severe. I don't agree with the decision.

-FDC Client

My name is Clarisa. I just lost my AHCCCS and my job as well in the same month. It's hard for me to pay for my medication that I need. Because I am a Cope client I need medical insurance to get the right treatment. I want the help and my children back.

-FDC Client

It has affected me drastically because I've had a health issue recently and have had to go to the hospital and I am not able to pay the hospital bill. I won't be able to pay either because I don't have a job or any kind of income.

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Losing my AHCCCS benefits has been hard because they took my medical so if something happens to me I have to pay out of pocket, which I don't have. They also took my food stamps which was helping me help my sister who has my children but now I can't because it is hard on my income to feed an eleven year old and a nine year old who eat constantly.

-FDC Client

It has been hard. I have needed to get my yearly exam for over a year now due to me being high risk for cancer of the cervix. My mom had cervical cancer. It's been hard because I don't have the money the collection bill calls I have for using the emergency room.

-FDC Client

Well, I am unable to go to certain doctor appointments such as the Gynecologist, get blood work, or buy and pick up prescriptions at the pharmacy. I am also on probation for a domestic violence conviction. I am ordered to take DV counseling. Because I no longer have AHCCCS I am going to have to pay for the counseling.

-FDC Client

It is hard for me medically. I cannot afford my birth control. Also it is hard for me to go to outpatient programs to help me with the tools and support to stay clean and sober.

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Well it has been difficult since our AHCCCS and food benefits have been cut, (about three months ago) however since relentless effort my fiancé and I have just recently received food benefits as of 4/4/13.

-FDC Client

I have never been eligible for AHCCCS even though I don't make enough for health insurance anywhere.

-FDC Client

I think not having AHCCCS is not too good being I need the doctor but since being on CPS it can't happen. Also I need some medication I can't afford.

-FDC Client

When I lost AHCCCS it was traumatic by the fact that over half of my case plan has to do with therapy. I am also unemployed so having no income made it almost impossible for me to get help with therapy or substance abuse help. Having AHCCCS would have got me on track faster.

-FDC Client

Losing AHCCCS after having CPS involvement has added more hardship on my wife and I both. As we participated in services and outpatient treatment it has been increasingly difficult to find funding to stay in these programs after CPSA was cut. Some medications were prescribed by doctors that were hard to obtain having no AHCCCS coverage. Also, when we started we had no job, no money, and lost our food stamps completely. We had to pawn everything we owned just to eat.

-FDC Client

It makes it much more difficult to complete my treatment plan which CPS requires. Programs that were accepting AHCCCS to cover the charge are no longer an option. I am fighting to get my kids back and this is just another thing holding me back.

-FDC Client

I was in shock when AHCCCS got taken away. It made coping a lot harder, especially when health and mental care are so important to be able to take care of yourself and kids. I can't afford to go to the doctor, fill my prescriptions, and sometimes can't afford to go to the grocery store. If anything, being involved with CPS should help these things, not take them away!

-FDC Client

It was really hard for me to find the classes required of me because I did not have insurance. Thankfully I am seriously mentally ill (SMI) so La Frontera was able to get me into my groups and also help keep me on my medications. I also have medical problems. I need surgery but am unable to get it done because I don't have insurance. I wish I could get it done before my kids come home.

-FDC Client

Because my baby was removed my AHCCCS got taken away also. After I had my son and CPS took him from the hospital I started suffering from postpartum depression and needed to be put on antidepressant. Because I don't work at the moment and don't have AHCCCS I wasn't able to afford the medication. I struggled a lot with my depression. I just don't think it's fair that CPS and my therapist from treatment want and suggest I be on medicine but can't get

the help I need. I'm broke and can't afford the proper help I need because my AHCCCS was taken from me. I honestly think AHCCCS shouldn't be taken when you are in CPS. Most people who are in CPS are drug addicts and a lot of people self-medicate because they don't get or have the money to get the proper care and medicine they need to be stable which leads them to self-medicate on their own.

-FDC Client

Completing my CPS case plan without AHCCCS has been difficult because it has been hard to maintain medication and counseling and therapy without insurance. Losing my insurance has greatly limited the services that are available to me. Even though community services are there, such as Cope or La Frontera, they can only offer limited services without AHCCCS. I am also not able to maintain my own health. I do not have a primary care doctor now and cannot be seen for regular check-up or sick visits. Also, prescriptions I take for mental health are no longer covered and I am struggling to cover the cost of them. Having AHCCCS would help any parent involved in a CPS case plan.

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Since I have been cut off of AHCCCS it hasn't been good for me when I get sick. I can't get help for my health. As for my sobriety, there are some services I can't receive.

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Well, I haven't been able to get to do most programs because of not having not having AHCCCS. I haven't had a proper check-up.

-FDC Client