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## General Comment

Why can't parity be extended to individual health policies too?

Most people who need mental health therapy cannot afford it if they do not have a job that provides group insurance. They can't get a job unless they get help. They can't afford help without coverage. It's a vicious circle. I'm happy group policies finally have stopped discrimination of the mentally ill as far as insurance goes but what about those who do not have group coverage? What do they do??