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Honorable Shelley C. Chapman  
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The Honorable Shelley C. Chapman:

In 1998 I had an allergic reaction to medication that was prescribed by a doctor. As a result of taking this medication my tongue and throat swelled up, and caused me to pass out because I could not breathe. I was given the best emergency care possible at a local hospital where I lived at the time. This problem caused me to stay in the hospital for three (3) months, and in intensive care for fourteen (14) days of that hospital stay. The doctors said that they thought that I was not going to survive. This episode caused me to lose oxygen to my brain for almost three (3) minutes. It also caused a multitude of problems, one of which is a severe balance problem, and lymphadema in my legs which still causes very big problems.

I cannot walk and am in a wheelchair. It is also necessary for me to go to a wound care center each week to check the swelling in my legs, and rewrap them to control the swelling, which easily gets out of control. I can barely transfer from my wheelchair to my bed. There are times when I need a walker and some help because my balance is so bad along with my legs.

In later years I have developed other problems. Some of these include heart problems, and a shoulder that has completely worn out due to arthritis. This hampers my ability to transfer from my wheelchair. Additionally, I am required to take between twelve (12) and fourteen (14) pills everyday that I could not afford if not for my insurance. In fact, it would be impossible for me to afford treatment of any of the problems were it not for the great insurance plan provided by UMW. I have mentioned only some of the problems that I have. It would be impossible to do that in the space of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Patricia Glass



