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I was stricken with juvenile diabetes when I was 13 yrs. old. My parents didn't have insurance, so the supplies I needed was a burden to our family. My diabetes was completely out of control because at that time as a diabetic you only had your blood tested once a month .

As improvements were made and I had proper insurance, I received a glucometer from the insurance, I felt like this saved my life, I could now check my blood glucose numerous times throughout the day and take precautions. Along with diabetes usually comes complications. I was diagnosed with retinopathy and have had to have laser surgery to my eyes and have recently had eye surgery because of a wrinkle in my eye which was from the laser surgery forming scar tissue.

I was also diagnosed with heart disease and had to have a quadruple by-pass. Where would I be without insurance? I also have sleep apnea, the insurance supplied me with c-pap machine and supplies to keep me from getting any infections. I have an insulin pump which I feel has been a life saver once again , it helps me to have a much better Hemoglobin A1C. The insulin and the supplies for this are furnished as well as testing strips for my glucometer (my lifeline) I take a few prescriptions as well as my retired coalminer husband takes several, that we would not be able to afford.

Without insurance I would not be able to afford any of these things, just thinking of this is very stressful! I just want to feel normal and the above mentioned things help....I don't want to be a burden on my family again!
Please help!

Sincerely,


Sharon and Dennis Buck