

Oct. 1, 2012

Dear Judge Chapman,

My husband, Jerome D. Burgett (Jerry) is 72 yrs. old, a retired coal miner who worked in the coal industry for 31 years. He has arthritis, diabetes type B, and high blood pressure. In March of this year he became ill and was rushed to a hospital. He was diagnosed with unfluenza and pneumonia. He spent 5 days in ICU. Tomorrow he is undergoing hernia surgery. I am 69 years old and was diagnosed with leukemia 8 yrs. ago. We depend on our health care to be there for us, just as my husband worked underground so everyone could have the comforts of electricity. A coal miner puts his life on the line when he goes to work everyday, especially underground miners. If we lose our health care it would be devastating and cause a major hardship. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Burgett

P.S. We also depend on our health plan for monthly maintenance drugs. We both are on several.