

Good Morning

My name is Esther Alcantara. I have lived in Hartford around 5 years. After 5 month that I'd arrived here, I knew I was pregnant. I saw a Right Birth's ad on the street so I decided to visit them in order to received orientation. They helped finding a hospital (First Choice) to follow up my pregnancy: however, the hospital send me to social worker because at that time I've just had a passport and worked as a waitress in a restaurant.

The hospital's social worker recommended to apply Husky because of my pregnancy; I did it twice and both were declined. So, she also call them to know more about the reason and one more time it was declined. She was really surprised because She had never had any declined when it's a pregnancy situation.

At the end of the story, I had a miscarriage but the baby was still on me and I needed a surgery. Finally, I visited 3 different hospitals but none of them wanted to help me because It wasn't an emergency, I didn't have insurance, Husky declined my request, etc. So I had 3 different bills to pay, and an organization helped me with the surgery weeks later.

Last year, I lost my job and I didn't have insurance thru my employer. In additional, I was with a little baby with me (affortunately He has a Husky). I call to Medicaid/Husky to apply for a health insurance but they explain me because of my join income (married) is "higher" they can cover so they sent me a quote. Finally my husband, told me that he will add me to his job insurance because it was little cheaper than Medicaid/Husky. We presented all what the insurance company request but at the end the insurance company included me since this year. In conclusion, I spent a whole year to have an insurance, affortunately I didn't have any emergency.

On the other hand, I don't know why Husky/Medicaid doesn't consider child support as a part of the expenses in our income?. Maybe, our Income looks "higher" but if you add what we have to pay as a part of our obligations; it is a big part of our incomes.