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How does the new plan propose that there will be the level of quality of care that we have had with the traditional Medicaid services? I was diagnosed with Bipolar disorder when I was 17 years old. Since then, I have needed extensive psychiatric care and therapy in order to function.

I have been a patient of my current psychiatrist for 16 years. Although everyone does not have this luxury, I will experience the backtracking and interruption in care caused by starting with a doctor whom I have never met.

If my provider is not approved by the plans available, how am I supposed to maintain my mental health with no continuity?

I may as well be forced to find new doctors in every specialty that I need, a family doctor or a gynecologist, for example.

My health care may see a huge decrease in quality.