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We (The State of Iowa) aren't ready for the privatization of Medicaid. I work as a Physical Therapist in the Des Moines area primarily serving elderly patients in their homes. I have had patients express fear that they will not be able to continue receiving their psychotropic medications and the impact this will have on their life and those around them. Trying to institute the privatization needs to be more carefully thought out. The Medicaid population is our most high risk population for needed hospitalization if problems arise and the care they desperately need is not available. The State of Iowa has not allowed enough time to be sure we're getting it right and the patients will be the one's to shoulder the problems which will arise from moving along without being prepared.

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