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health-care professionals providing treatment for individuals with mental illness, they're not being reimbursed at a level of They have to eat this, and we're asking...we're, in effect, saying, is this what we're...is this where we're going to go? How do we...if we have a plan to look at reforming Medicaid, what do you do to reform other than truly look at those who are uninsured, those who are on Medicaid, and cut? What do you accomplish by having a plan if you aren't going to cut? I think we have everything in place right now, other than looking at what we can do for long-term health insurance and talk about what can we do to incentivize the small businessman to provide insurance, what can we do? Who are our uninsured? Most of our uninsured are in working families, most of them, 86 percent. At least one person in the family works full time or part time. Many of them, 61 percent, have family members who work full time all year. Because Medicare provides health insurance for most people over 65, the uninsured are almost entirely under the age of 65. The largest number of these uninsured are those between 30 and 49, but the rate of "uninsurance" is highest for young adults age 19 to 29. uninsured are disproportionately people of color, although whites are the largest group of uninsured nationwide. I want to put a face on this just a little bit to talk some about who is it that we're talking about. Kevin: Kevin qualified for Medicaid under an optional home and community-based waiver program and he receives services, such as occupational and speech therapy. Kevin is an eight-year-old with autism. receives Medicaid through an optional Katie Beckett home and community-based service waiver. These are some of the things that we can, as a state, if we choose to, eliminate and not provide services. He receives speech therapy, occupational therapy. It continues to teach him a broad range of skills--how to dress, how to make his bed, how to respond to other kids who might act...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: One minute.

SENATOR BYARS: ...strangely around him. Mildred: Mildred is 68 years old and was working as a waitress before she was forced to retire due to extensive health problems--fibrosis of the lungs, rheumatoid arthritis, high blood pressure, cataracts.