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Subject: Medicaid Waiver Hearing

My name is Lon Phillips, I am 52 years old, have multiple disabilities (stroke, kidney failure/transplant, diabetes and high blood pressure) and am the recipient of one of the Medicaid Waiver slots that Case Management Services oversees.

Before I got one of these coveted slots, I was at Big Sky Care Center. I was able to get a slot and moved to Bumble Bee Homes, subsequently renamed Personal Care Homes of Helena and then Aspen Gardens.

At Big Sky, I shared a room with another guy and although I was able to go to the library, I had to make sure someone was able to take me and that required a couple days notice. I only had channel 12 (the local NBC affiliate) on my TV since I couldn't afford cable and had no Internet access.

Since I moved to Aspen Gardens, CMS (Case Management Services) has provided me with bus tokens so I can take the bus and I have a room of my own with free extended basic cable and high speed Internet access (although that is not part of the free services that Aspen Garden provides). I have even set up several web sites that probably will never make me any money but they do establish my presence on the Internet. I actually did all of the programming myself!

The hearing is to see if the Medicaid Waiver should be increased, decreased or remained the same. I wholehearted endorse any increase in payments to the program. More people should be able to experience the independence that I have been allowed!

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