

I have worked for over thirteen years as an adjunct faculty, across three different entities and two institutions, and I have never had access to affordable health care, or a program managed through my employer. As a hard working educator, saddled with student loans, this is a violation of the trust we place in employers to help employees find and maintain and afford health care. Health insurance is not some special benefit, but is essential care that keeps me (us) working!

In addition, the majority of adjunct faculty were essential to employers during the ongoing pandemic lock-down. We willingly and ably took our work into our homes, created ad hoc education online modules, and continued to perform teaching and research using our own materials, homes, and internet service. None of this was paid for by my university. All I ask for, at least, is access to affordable health care. This is a human right in the most wealthy nation in the world.