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I am stuck in North Carolina right now. I came to help with a health incident for my 92 year old mother. Unfortunately she did not survive it. I flew home for a day and my doctor upped my prescription for a controlled substance. Unfortunately she did not survive the crisis. The day after she passed away, I woke up to a text from my sister telling me she has COVID. So we have to delay the funeral in New York and I have to stay put and hope I don't come up positive.

I cannot get the prescription transferred from Oregon because it's a controlled substance so I will have to stretch out what I have with me. It is not a medication that is often abused, it is pregabalin. I have a ruptured disk impinging on my spine and trying to avoid surgery. Teledocs cannot prescribe controlled substances. My Oregon doctor cannot send the prescription to North Carolina. And the existing prescription cannot be transferred between states. I can't get an in person appointment at a doctor because I've been exposed, but have no symptoms.

I'm fortunate to have never been without health insurance. I can't imagine having my health conditions without insurance.

I hope that Oregon can set an example showing universal healthcare works for the nation and we are set on a path toward universal health care in the US. Thank you for hearing me out.