

Exhibit O

DECLARATION OF TERI BLANTON

1. My name is Teri Blanton, and I live in Berea, Kentucky. I have personal knowledge regarding the facts pertaining to me in this document.
2. I am making this declaration on my own behalf in support of my effort—and my effort as a class representative of others who need Medicaid—to stop certain harmful provisions of the Kentucky 1115 waiver from taking effect.
3. I am 61 years-old, and am a household of one. My only source of health care coverage is Medicaid. I have not had any other source of health care coverage available to me other than Medicaid except for a short period approximately 7 years ago when I worked for Kentuckians for the Commonwealth.
4. I currently do not receive SNAP benefits.
4. I have been receiving Medicaid benefits since approximately 2014.
5. I am currently working part time at Speedway. I began work this month, October 2018, and have earned a total of around \$175 for my work this month. My pain level has increased dramatically with this job and while I intend to keep it as long as physically possible, realistically I know that this employment is not permanent. I have not been able to work outside the home much in the past seven (7) years. I had to quit my job at Kentuckians for the Commonwealth approximately seven years ago because I had to have surgery and was unable to work. I have not been able to maintain employment since that time. I have fibromyalgia, degenerative disc disease, Irritable Bowel Syndrome, and Crohn's Disease. I was unemployed practically the entirety of the last seven (7) years with extreme health issues and it is not certain that I will be able to maintain this new employment at Speedway.
6. Because of my income, I can't yet afford private health insurance and need Medicaid. Except the one period when I was employed by Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, I have not had private insurance in the last twenty years or been offered it at any employment other than at Kentuckians for the Commonwealth.
7. The health benefits I get through Medicaid give me the stability to even attempt this current employment. Without Medicaid, and the medications I take to maintain and hopefully improve my health, I would not be able to leave the house for periods long enough to consider working.
9. I got a notice that I was required to pay a \$1 premium for the new Medicaid program this past summer, called Kentucky HEALTH. I did not have any source of income for the majority of this year or at the time I received that notice. Paying that premium would have been difficult for me. When I got that notice, I thought that the state probably spent more time, energy, and

salaries to send me that bill and to process it than the one dollar they could potentially collect from me.

10. I am worried that I will be unable to keep up with the changing requirements. I have never been able to update information about my medicaid account easily, and these requirements had a lot of new reporting requirements, which adds stress to my life. My health conditions are worsened by stress. My ability to work requires low levels of stress in my life. These requirements feel stressful to even talk about, and stress causes me so much physical pain in my body through the fibromyalgia and the Chron's Disease. I am worried that I would not be able to work with the stress of managing more accounts and having more reporting requirements.

11. I have agreed to be named as a plaintiff and to participate in this lawsuit as a class action representative. I am participating in this lawsuit not just because I need Medicaid to live but also to help countless others, whose voices have not been heard, who are in danger of losing Medicaid or receiving reduced benefits under Kentucky HEALTH if approved under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above information is true and correct.

Dated this 18th day of October, 2018.


Teri E. Blanton