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Hello, I am a 41 year old female, and I am a Medicaid recipient. I have a very long and complex medical history, with a laundry list of medical diagnoses, such as: Hashimotos, Degenerative Disc Disease, Small Fiber Neuropathy, Osteoarthritis and Gout. I have been on pain management with opioid medication since 2012, and am to be considered a legacy patient. In 2019, I had been referred to Pain Management for continuation of care. I was referred to Lags Medical Center, where my experience with the provider there, was traumatic at best. The provider was extremely condescending, judgmental and accusatory towards me. I felt violated, leaving every appointment in tears, feeling guilty for having painful medical conditions. Later, I learned that this was consistent treatment towards all the patients. I attended this clinic for about a year. Then Covid hit. The clinic suddenly shut down, and I was forced to taper off completely over the course of 2 weeks, with the only options given to me was Suboxone. The amount of medical trauma this provider put me through is staggering. Before, when using my opioid pain medication, I remained employed.. I was ambulatory, and could perform daily tasks and activities without any assistance. I could exercise without limitations. I was able to attend my son's basketball games, and support other interests he had. I was able to socialize, and partake in outdoor hobbies. Overall, I had a good quality of life. I was coerced into taking the Suboxone, as no providers were willing to prescribe my previously stable opioid medication or an equally effective pain medication. They gave me the excuse of an epidemic. Instead, I was given an ultimatum, and coerced into taking the Suboxone, with the promise that it is 100% safe and effective. Every provider blatantly ignored and dismissed my requests and concerns. These doctors believe that prescribing me multiple medications, is better than prescribing me one, for the same issue. The Suboxone is an absolute joke. It has completely DESTROYED my teeth and gums, causing breakage, sensitivity and bleeding. I cannot consume anything, without feeling extensive dental pain. In fact, this medication that was marketed by many groups as the savior for pain patients is not only ineffective, but there is a class action suit against its makers because of severe damage, tooth fractures, tooth loss, infections, and the tooth decay it causes to those who use it. Suboxone has done nothing to treat my pain. I now have to use a cane, a walker, and a mobility scooter, just to gain some independence. Often times I need help with basic hygienic tasks, such as bathing and using the bathroom. It has caused me to have severe insomnia. It has caused me to have low blood pressure. I am now on disability because I'm unable to work, and have very low quality of life. To which all of these side effects have been reported, and I'm still told it's the better, and safer option. I want to feel like a productive member of society. Since 2020, I have been unsuccessful in getting the proper care I need. I've been under treated, discriminated and dismissed, by the very people who vowed to do no harm against me. Medical providers all across this country are unwilling to help their patients, all because of the threatening and dangerous popular agenda regarding opioids. I've heard so many other heartbreaking stories.