

# Update on Jessi Thorne:

## To Our Readers:

Here is the latest news about Jessi Thorne. It's not great at the moment, but I remain confident that good people will do the right thing and she will ultimately get the help she needs. I can't imagine going through all she is going through and I admire her spirit. I'm sure all of us hope this gets resolved very soon. I will commit to keeping readers posted as to her progress, good or bad. **-JC**



Dear Tualatin Residents,

I come bearing news that is not quite as exciting as it was last time. I had surgery scheduled, this nightmare was supposed to end on March 2nd! We have since hit some bumps in the road. The hospital had quoted me a price of \$39,600 in addition to my out-of-network coverage, and advised me to get a MODA plan as they have had the best luck with them. After I had purchased the best individual plan being offered, I was eager to get all of this going. The hospital then changed their quote, they said that the quote they had given me was for if my insurance decided to cover this as an in-network surgery; and with out-of-network coverage, my price would be \$74,000. I am now in the process of trying to get my insurance company to make a one time in-network exception. While in the midst of doing this, I saw on the news that MODA was pulling out of the individual plans in Oregon and Alaska because they could not afford to cover all of the people that purchased plans. My insurance agent informed me that I would be moved to a different company. I was then looking into other plans, and was going to have to start the process all over again, but they have since made a deal and are not pulling coverage, for the time being.

Now I have been asked time and time again why I cannot just have the surgery in Oregon, well I can, and I will, if it comes to that. The issues being that the risk for infection and recovery time are far increased when having a craniotomy, as

opposed to an endoscopic removal. I have met with another Oregon neurosurgeon, that stated they could not perform an endoscopic removal, as my cyst has certain characteristics that will not allow them to do it, within their realm of expertise. The cyst is pressing on important parts of the brain, and they need more visibility ( meaning cutting a bigger part of the skull, retracting the brain, and attaching my skull back on with metal plates and screws). Now if it comes down to having that done, I will, but I am not willing to accept it yet. I do have some fight left in me, and I don't plan on letting this thing win.

At my last neurosurgeon visit, they informed me that my cyst is actually measuring 20MM, larger than they had thought it to be. I am ready to get this thing out, and move on with my life, Landon's bright smile is a constant reminder of the life I want to lead, and the mother I strive to be to him, even if sometimes my brain does not allow me to do so.

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