## **Exhibit D**

## DECLARATION OF JOSHUA VLK

- 1. My name is Joshua VLK. I am making this declaration on my own behalf in support of my effort to stop the New Hampshire 1115 Medicaid waiver from taking effect. I am also making this declaration on behalf of others who need Medicaid.
  - 2. I am 30 years old. I was born in Laconia New Hampshire and live there now.
- 3. I live with my wife Karin and three children, ages 5, 7, and 11. The youngest child will turn 6 on July 31, 2019.
- 4. I became enrolled in Medicaid after I married Karin. We married in June 2018. Before that, I was uninsured for about five years.
  - 5. I have my GED and work in construction.
- 6. Earlier this year, I switched companies to get more hours and better pay. I earn \$17 an hour, but the work is irregular. My hours can be low if my employer is between jobs or waiting on supplies like lumber. In early March 2019, there was a week I only worked 16 hours, and one week I did not work any hours. Later in March and into April of this year, I went for four weeks without work. Since then, my work has been sporadic. I do not have any insurance through my job.
- 7. I need to be available to take time off work to care for Karin or the children when they are not well.
- 8. I have an abdominal hernia, which hurts more after physical exercise. When we moved from an apartment to a rented house earlier this year, I had to work hard packing and lifting boxes. My hernia hurt then. I often have to push the hernia back into my abdomen.
- 9. When my hernia is aggravated, it limits my mobility and prevents me from lifting things. I am counting on Medicaid so that I can have surgery to treat the hernia. I want to have hernia surgery so that I can lift heavier items at my job.

- 10. I am in counseling to treat my severe anxiety, mild depression, and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. Medicaid covers these counseling sessions.
- 11. I am also in court ordered drug counseling that was ordered while I am on probation. I believe that the court order lasts a few more months. I do want to continue attending this drug counseling for a long time period to maintain my recovery and to prevent depression.
- 12. I understand from my online EZ account that I am exempt from Medicaid work requirements now because I am exempt from SNAP or food stamps work requirements. I do not understand why I am exempt. I do not understand how long the exemption will last or what I need to do to stay exempt.
- 13. I do not have a driver's license. I rely on my wife Karin to do the reporting for both of us, and she often has to drive to Health and Human Services to drop off forms and paperwork.
- 14. Even with food stamps and my income, we are a low income family. Without Medicaid coverage, there is no way that my wife Karin and I could pay for our medical care. Karin would not be able to have back surgery, I would not be able to have hernia surgery, and we would not be able to fill our prescriptions.
- 15. Had I known about the letter that the federal government issued to state Medicaid directors on January 11, 2018 and that the letter was allowing the states to start conditioning Medicaid eligibility on a work requirement, I would have wanted to submit comments.
- 16. I have agreed to be named as a plaintiff and to participate in this lawsuit as a class action representative. I am doing this not just because I need Medicaid, but because I want to help other people who are in danger of losing Medicaid if this waiver is not stopped.

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

Dated this  $\underline{S}$  day of  $\underline{Mag}$ , 2019.

Joshua VLK