

Sept 19, 2010

Dear Law Makers,

My name is N. L., and I want to ask you to help us patients in Florida. Today, I went to see a nurse practitioner for a severe toothache and dental infection. He was very nice to me, but he explained that he could not give me adequate pain relief medicine because of the law in Florida. If he was working in 48 other states, he could have given me the medicine for my pain, but not in Florida or Alabama. This really is bad for patients like me because I don't have health insurance and it is ridiculous for me to have to go to an ER just to get a prescription when the nurses practitioner could have done it for me while he was treating the infection and giving me the other prescriptions.

I can't get a dental appointment for several more days, and the nurse practitioner office visit is all the care I can really afford as I am currently unemployed and a single mother of two.

Please try to help us out here! We need you to make it easier for us to get the care we need within our budget.

Sincerely,

N.L., address redacted, zip code 33781