**Access to psychiatric medicine is limited**

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1741-7015/11/132> - “She said her lack of insurance and Medicaid (as a single, childless adult) made taking her medications a constant battle.

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**Psychiatric care is difficult to get, even if insured**

<http://commonhealth.wbur.org/2011/07/psychiatric-care-hard-to-get-even-for-the-insured-study-finds> O

Only 8 of the 64 medical facilities he and his student called offered appointments (12.5 percent); and only four of those offered an appointment within two weeks, researchers reported. Moreover, 15 providers (23 percent) never returned calls seeking an appointment, even after two detailed messages were left. Finally, 15 other providers (23 percent) flat out refused to offer an appointment due to requirements that all patients be enrolled with a primary care doctor affiliated with that particular psychiatric facility, researchers said.

<http://www.medicaldaily.com/scheduling-psychiatrist-appointments-even-difficult-people-private-insurance-or-willing-306999>

National data has shown that around two-thirds of primary care physicians struggle with finding outpatient mental health care services for their patients.

**Wait times for psychiatric care are ludicrous**

<http://www.pennlive.com/bodyandmind/index.ssf/2013/10/many_suffering_from_mental_ill.html>

“The waiting time to get to an outpatient clinic can be measured in months for some people,'' said Dan Eisenhauer (director of Dauphin County’s Mental Health/Intellectual Disabilities program)