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**Pauleena MacDougall:** But you would say you were pretty comfortable.

**Phyllis Beaulieu:** Oh very, we were very comfortable, Larry and I.

**PM:** What about health care? Did you have

**PB:** Oh we had wonderful insurance in the mill, very, very good insurance.

**PM:** and what about retirement? Did you have any retirement?

**PB:** I have to pay for my insurance now. Oh yes, well for awhile we had principle, that was good.

That was through the mill. We would pay, that was good but then they stopped. New York, it's New York something insurance

**PM:** New York Life

**PB:** probably, I can't remember exactly but that was very good. Of course when Larry got sick, of course he was retired and they would call us, the insurance company and anything we needed, I mean prescriptions were only ten dollars no matter what they were and physicals were paid, you know for a mammogram. Now I just had a mammogram and I had to pay 72 dollars, even though I'm on Medicare and I have an insurance but I still had to pay 72. I never paid for that before and so we were

very, very comfortable that way and all that time he was in the hospital, both times he was in for about a month and having radiation and chemo and everything, never paid a penny, nothing and they used to call me; find out how things were, how I was doing. But today, there's no such a thing. They'd call you up and tell you, want you to get off it. Right now I'm having therapy for my, I fell backwards and I fell right on this shoulder, slipped on ice and I'm having therapy. I have to go twice a week. Now I get it in Ellsworth. I don't know what this is going to cost me. I'm in Medicare and I have an insurance, Bankers Life I have and so I don't know but I had to pay for my mammogram so I imagine I'll have some nice bill.