



HELP US PROTECT MEDICAID

“ Medicaid provides Javi with the night nursing care he needs, given his severe sleep apnea. Without it, he wouldn't have the care he needs at night to keep him safe, and our family would be forced to choose between our jobs and his care. Every child deserves to sleep safely at night, and no parent should have to fight for that basic right. ”

—Martha, mother to Javi



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“Not only has it helped with my child and accessing lifesaving care and emergency services, but after I became disabled by accident at 33 years old, it has helped me rehabilitate and process the PTSD I experienced after a negligent chiropractor left me unable to walk or talk. I have been able to recuperate ONLY because of Medicaid, and I still need it to receive any kind of healthcare. I can no longer work and do not receive other benefits to help pay for other healthcare.

—Janalyn

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With the help of therapies like physical, occupational, speech, and hippotherapy, I've thrived and have overcome obstacles. Medicaid has been instrumental in covering these essential services for me, ensuring I receive uninterrupted care and support. This vital program empowers me and many others with Down syndrome to live life to the fullest, free from worries about accessing necessary therapies and medical care!

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—Taylor



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Medicaid is essential for my kids, Connor and Sloane, to live full and engaged lives in their community. With the right supports like in-home care, day programs, and workplace assistance, they can thrive despite the challenges they face. I just want them to have every opportunity for a meaningful life, and that wouldn't be possible without Medicaid.

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–Suzanne, mother to Connor and Sloane



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I had to leave my job to care for my daughter full time when she began to experience severe anxiety and depression. She was diagnosed with Down Syndrome Regression Disorder, so getting her on Medicaid helped us find that diagnosis, and it completely changed her journey. Thanks to Medicaid, she received access to the care she needed, and I can thankfully say she is back to her usual joyful self!

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–Pati, mother to Marie

A woman with Down syndrome is smiling at the camera. She has long brown hair and is wearing a black and white patterned jacket. A black strap is visible across her chest. In the background, a large crowd of people is gathered outdoors, some sitting on benches and others standing. The scene appears to be a community event or rally.

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The North Carolina Medicaid waiver gives me the support I need to live independently and run my business. It's not just about my health; it's about my freedom. While we recover from Hurricane Helene, we can't forget about the 18,000 people with disabilities who are still on the waiting list for this waiver. If we want everyone to have a chance at independence, we must strengthen Medicaid, not cut it.

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-Nicole

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My Medicaid waiver helps me live independently by connecting me with "My Sean Squad", my 24/7 support team that helps me get to work, grocery shop, and keep my house clean. Because of Medicaid, I am able to work and volunteer, I am a keynote speaker, and I was on the TV show Born This Way.

—Sean

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Because of Medicaid, I can live in my own apartment, work as the first registered lobbyist with Down syndrome, and get the support I need to thrive. Medicaid ensures I have the necessary services and supports to balance my career and independent living. Protecting Medicaid means protecting opportunities for people with disabilities to fully participate in their communities.

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–Kayla