

# PROTECT Medicaid. Mental Health.

## Medicaid Supports Seniors

Medicaid allows 7.2 million seniors to get the care they need.

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Medicaid is paying for home care for my elderly mother who has dementia and for my sister who has been battling schizophrenia since childhood. My mom was taking care of my sister up until she showed signs of needing care herself.

— A NAMI Advocate in VA —”

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A few years ago, when my wife was suffering from dementia, I was having trouble taking care of her. Medicaid stepped in and helped me with homecare workers. I was finally able to sleep more than 2 hours a night. After many years of sleepless nights, I was able to get more rest.

— Larry, MI —”

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“I am 83 years old and live at the poverty level. I have no transportation to see my doctors other than help from Medicaid. I also live on just my Social Security and SNAP. If I lose this precious help I will be homeless and surely die. Please continue to fight for me and many others who will surely suffer the same fate as myself.”

— Patricia, NY —”

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My late mother struggled with mental health issues and depended on Medicaid towards the end of her life. There was no way she could have done without that help. Please do not cut it!

— Laurel, PA —”



NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for people affected by mental illness.

NAMI thanks the advocates who shared their stories with us.

NAMI urges Congress to meet the health and mental health care needs of our nation's seniors by protecting Medicaid.

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