PROTECT Medicaid. Mental Health.

Medicaid Supports Staying Well

Medicaid helps people with serious mental illness reach their full potential.

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My son was diagnosed with schizophrenia several years ago and has been hospitalized several times since its onset. Without the treatment he currently receives, he would probably be homeless or institutionalized. My wife and I are both over sixty years old and can only do so much. If Medicaid funding is cut for my son's treatment it would be devastating for him and our family. I can only hope and pray that this doesn't happen.

— James, PA
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Medicaid allows my brother to hold onto living a dignified life in his own apartment most of the time and work on rebuilding community relationships despite 12 years of intermittent hospitalizations for acute mania and psychosis. He is slowly recovering and finding ways to contribute to his community as a friend and mentor to other young people facing mental illness and homelessness and volunteer but without Medicaid this wouldn't be possible and he would be in jail, hospitalized or on the streets with more extreme suffering due to debilitating symptoms that face pervasive discrimination.

— Winnie, NY
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When my daughter was 20 years old, she was hospitalized with hallucinations and diagnosed with schizophrenia. Her medical care and medications were extremely expensive but at that time she was covered by her parents' health insurance. She was eventually approved for Medicaid after she aged out of coverage. She has been working for 18 years at a drug store that does not provide health care benefits to its employees. If she loses Medicaid coverage she will be unable to get the medical care she needs to remain stable and functioning. As an aging parent this is a constant worry.

— Mary, OH
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My sister has Schizophrenia and not been able to work since age 20. She lives in a group home and requires assistance as do many in her community. She is proud and does not like to ask for anything but Medicaid helps her sustain living independently.

— Licia, MI
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