

## Why Does Medicaid Matter?



I am a self advocate with a developmental disability who relies on a home and community based service waiver that is funded through Medicaid. I utilize respite, community engagement services, personal care to help get out into the community and also help with instrumental activities of daily living such as cooking, grocery shopping etc. Respite also allows my parents to get a break and to have a provider take me out into the community as well as to help when my parents go on vacation. If there are cuts to Medicaid, I would not have the support to access my community as well as to help with daily living tasks such as grocery shopping etc. I will also feel isolated at home. Medicaid is more than health insurance, it is a safety net for me as it provides funding to crucial services that will help me especially when my parents who are my primary caregivers will no longer be able to help and take care of me. This is why I urge politicians to not make cuts to Medicaid as it will be devastating to people like myself.

-Christine | Legislative District #24, Congressional District #6

**Learn more about Why Medicaid Matters at informingfamilies.org/medicaid-information.**The Medicaid Matters: Share Your Story project is in collaboration with:







