



Why Does Medicaid Matter?

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Medicaid is very important for my family especially my little brother Gabriel. Gabriel is 19 years old. Gabriel loves movies, stuffed animals (Minnie Mouse), going to the park, traveling with family, and jumping on the trampoline. Gabriel also has Down Syndrome and Autism. He is non-verbal and uses a speaking device to communicate.

Medicaid allows my brother to have housing and resources he deserves. Such as speaking devices, therapy, and programs such as the WISE program that he is currently attending. He also goes to Aim High for ABA therapy. Medicaid also helps with his doctor's appointments.

I'm writing this statement in desperation that the funding is not cut for Medicaid. This directly affects my brother and in turn affects me and my family. My brother deserves the best care possible and that is why I am writing to you. I hope you take into consideration Gabriel's story when making your decisions.

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