



# Why Does Medicaid Matter?

“ My name is Angie Witt, and I am the mother of Haley, my 26-year-old daughter who was born with a rare chromosome abnormality. Due to this condition, Haley has experienced lengthy hospital stays at Seattle Children’s Hospital and lives with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) as well as short stature.

Medicaid is essential to Haley’s well-being. It not only covers her medical appointments and medications but also allows her to be an active and engaged member of her community. Through the DDA waiver, she receives support from a job coach, enabling her to work, and she participates in community college classes and social activities with her community inclusion provider.

Haley is highly vulnerable and requires 24-hour supervision. She depends on a care provider to assist with essential daily living tasks such as cooking, dressing, and bathing. These services are not just beneficial—they are necessary for her to live with dignity and independence.

Cuts to Medicaid would have a devastating impact on Haley’s quality of life. Without these services, she and many others in similar situations would face severe hardships. Our young people do not want to be isolated at home without support. They deserve the same opportunities to engage with their communities as everyone else. Reducing Medicaid funding would not only harm Haley but also countless families who rely on these vital services.

Please consider the real impact that Medicaid has on individuals like Haley. These services allow them to not just survive, but to thrive.

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