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Ryan
Chapel Hill, NC

Introduction

Medicaid is a vital health insurance program for America's families. It allows children to reach their fullest potential, adults to get and stay healthy enough to work and be part of their communities and seniors and people with disabilities to get the care that can help them stay at home. Medicaid can be life-changing and lifesaving.

This storybook was designed to help you meet some of the Americans impacted by Medicaid. You will read stories of adults and children who have received critical and often lifesaving health care through Medicaid, health care providers who see the impact for their patients and adults who could benefit but are currently unable to gain access to health insurance through Medicaid.

Medicaid also helps in the fight against cancer. There are more than 700,000 Americans with a history of cancer currently covered by Medicaid. Among these cancer patients and survivors:[1]

★ 1 in 12 have served in the US Armed Forces

★ 1 in 5 could not afford to see a specialist

★ 1 in 10 reported difficulty with activities of daily living

★ Majority are non-Hispanic white female

★ Majority have at least a high school diploma or equivalent

A majority of Americans support Medicaid.[2]

★ 92% of voters feel Medicaid is an important program

★ 76% of voters feel positively about Medicaid including majority of voters across political party ideology feel positively about Medicaid

★ 70% of voters believe Medicaid plays a major role in helping low-income families and individuals support themselves financially

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Medicaid Covers US is a new project led by the American Cancer Society and the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) to create a conversation about Medicaid and the role it plays in the health and well-being of our families, friends and communities. We're sharing stories about how having health insurance through Medicaid helps Americans stay healthy, go to work and care for their families. When we ensure that people get the care they need, our communities – our hospitals, schools and economy – thrive. Join the conversation and explore how Medicaid covers US.

1. *Analysis provided to ACS CAN by Avalere Health. Medicaid Covers US: Profiles of Medicaid Enrollees with Cancer. Analysis performed March 2019. Analysis performed from data collected from Medicaid enrollees over the age of 15.*

2. *Research provided to ACS CAN by PerryUndem Research/Communication and Bellwether Research & Consulting. The survey was conducted March 15 – 21, 2019 using YouGov's nationally representative panel or 1,000 registered voters 18+ years old.*

Ryan Chapel Hill, NC

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Ryan, now 6 years old, was born with a genetic disorder called CHARGE syndrome. The syndrome is rare and complex, and it requires Ryan to have feeding and tracheostomy tubes and consistent nursing care.

Ryan's family has private insurance, but the coverage isn't sufficient for someone with needs as significant as Ryan's. Fortunately, Ryan qualifies to have Medicaid as his secondary insurance, which covers what the private insurance company would not: replacement feeding tubes, home modifications like a generator for Ryan's ventilator and necessary additional nursing hours.

"We're not wanting a blank check," Ryan's mom, Melissa, said. "We're just wanting the care he needs."

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Roxanne Durham, NC

" Medicaid helps people get needed care. It helps for early detection of chronic diseases, so you can catch things earlier. And that's cheaper and more efficient care than when you go to the ER. "

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Stephanie Kinston, NC

" At our clinic we think a lot about the word 'quality.' Quality of care. Quality of health. Quality of life. Medicaid was created to provide that quality to those without the resources to access it otherwise. "

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Linda Chapel Hill, NC

" I just can't say enough about the quality of care my daughter receives. Without Medicaid, she wouldn't be here. It's allowed her to live a fulfilling life in her community. "

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Sheila Durham, NC

" Our family would have been devastated without Medicaid, which allowed my daughter to have the surgeries, aftercare, therapy and mental health support she needed to thrive. We didn't have to choose between paying for groceries and paying for her health care. "

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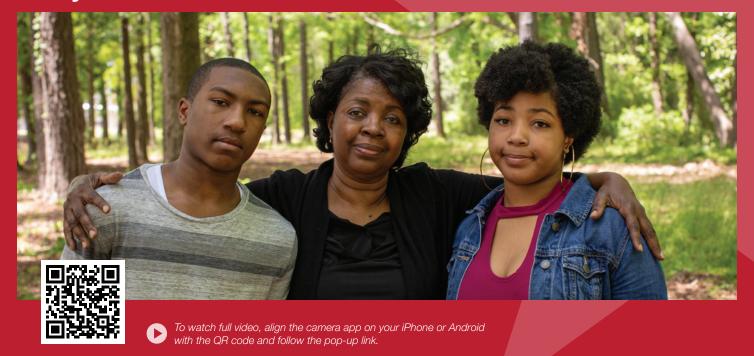
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Cristy Kinston, NC

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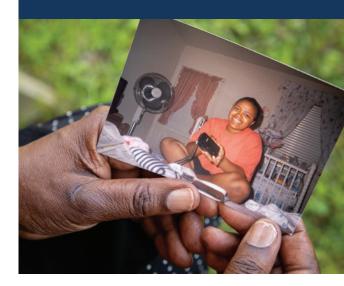
Cristy was a kind, loving and hard-working mother of three children who worked full time at a restaurant.

When Cristy was in her early 30s, she began feeling strange and overly tired. She was uninsured because she made more than the $744 per month Medicaid limit for a parent caring for three children in North Carolina, and didn't have insurance through her job, so she paid out of pocket to see a doctor who diagnosed her with congestive heart failure. They told her she needed to get an internal defibrillator to keep her heart healthy.

Cristy tried to get the care she needed but couldn't afford treatment without health insurance.

When Cristy was just 36 years old, she died in her sleep of a heart attack. Her youngest son was sleeping next to her that night. "It's not right," her mother, Cornelia, said. "I buried my daughter when she was just 36 because she didn't have access to treatment."

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