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That's Medicaid *shares stories of people covered by Medicaid at critical points in their lives, underscoring the importance of stable health insurance coverage in building a Culture of Health.*

Kile was born with developmental disabilities, but wasn't aware of the Medicaid program until he entered a group home after graduating from high school. The newfound health care access completely transformed his life.

"I don't have to struggle to pay the bills, or worry about how to pay for them," Kile says.

The program provides him with a wide range of everyday health care services, like drug prescriptions and dental care. It has been such a benefit that he now helps others in need.

Kile works at a nonprofit organization that helps those with developmental disabilities speak out and get the services they need to thrive in their communities. He hopes Medicaid can help others in a similar situation, just as it did for him.

"Without Medicaid, things would have been tough financially," Kile says. "Everyone deserves a chance to live independently, and these services help them do that."