




When Work is Not Enough

Espri B. - Paoli, Indiana



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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.

Espri and her husband are farmers in central Indiana, and as a result of being self-employed they had to purchase private insurance. But because of a high deductible and not enough coverage, they were forced to drop it and go a year without insurance.

They enrolled in the Healthy Indiana Plan, which was an especially great help when Espri was pregnant with twins, who are now 7, because she had access to needed care, checkups, delivery services, and postpartum care.

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With Medicaid, the whole family now has access to wellness exams and emergency services, which are particularly helpful as the twins are asthmatic and experience health scares.

Unlike their previously acquired private insurance, Medicaid provides dental care and some vision services, as well as mental health services for their daughter, and medications for Espri and her husband.

"We're proud of the work we do, but we couldn't afford private insurance on our own," Espri says. "Medicaid gives us the full range of services we need to keep working."