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When You Need the Essentials

Raevin B. - Lincoln, Nebraska

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.*

Medicaid was there for **Raevin** when she was growing up in the foster system. Now as a mother it is still there for her.

Raevin's daughter Grace has suffered a number of health issues in recent years that have resulted in three visits to the emergency room and hospital stays, and Medicaid has made sure the financial costs of care will not burden the family.

"We are very thankful for Medicaid," she says. "Who know where we would be with the medical bills?"

Medicaid's support for Raevin does not stop with the important medical coverage it provides. An innovative part of the state's program also allows her to obtain diapers and other needed products for her children.

When she is not busy as a parent, Raevin works for a local children's organization and advocates for policies that support those who have been in foster care or the juvenile justice systems.

The opportunity to give back to her community and the backstops provided by Medicaid bring Raevin a tremendous peace of mind.

"Not having that stress, I just feel like a load has been lifted off of my shoulders," she says.