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When Your World Changes

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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.*

Sarah had health insurance when she worked a full-time job in Florida. But when she began experiencing neurological symptoms and was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS), she had to quit her job and move back to her hometown in Michigan to be close to family who could help care for her. The move caused her to lose insurance coverage.

With no full-time job, Sarah struggled to find health insurance as a pregnant woman with a pre-existing condition that requires daily medication and many doctor's appointments. She found that Medicaid covered her needs, such as pregnancy check-ups, neurologist appointments, and her MS medications at no additional cost.

"Without my medication, I could go blind," Sarah says. "I am the healthiest I've ever been."

Because of Medicaid, Sarah was able to keep her part-time job and go back to school. Now a college graduate, she works as a graphic designer and continues to live a healthy life.