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When Recovery Is Made Accessible

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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.*

Robert had health insurance intermittently throughout his life before a bladder infection in 2017 left him in the hospital and in need of surgery. He obtained temporary Medicaid there and eventually received full-time coverage upon being discharged.

Treatment for the infection has opened up doors for the expanded care he needs.

After working on Wall Street for a number of years with health insurance, Robert had jobs on a horse farm and at a racetrack in New Jersey, but those were often seasonal positions that did not come with benefits.

Now in his late 50s, the program is helping him with other health issues such as addiction, depression, and high cholesterol, providing medication, doctor visits, and therapy needed for his conditions.

"Medicaid has been a godsend," he says. "It is better than anything I ever expected."

Robert sings the praises of the therapists he has received as part of his treatment and the follow-up they provide.

"It is probably the greatest thing ever," he says. "It gives you the best feeling and emotions that any human being can possibly have."