



When You Provide For a Family

Michael M. - Duncannon, Pennsylvania



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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.*

After 26 years in education, **Michael** was looking for work. The husband and father of five took part-time work in tech support to keep supporting his family, but it didn't include coverage benefits.

"Finding work when you are middle aged is hard," he says.

Luckily his children were able to qualify for Medicaid after he left his teaching job, but he and his wife were not able to do so until 2015 when Pennsylvania expanded the program under the Affordable Care Act.

Michael says finding adequate private insurance was a challenge, but under his state's program

all of his family's medical needs are now covered, including dental, vision, medication, and even for surgeries on his knee after a fall, as well as on his kidney for a benign tumor.

In addition, two of his daughters are away at college and Medicaid provides the help they need, despite being away from home.

"Medicaid expansion has been a wonderful thing for our family," he says. "Getting health care for lower and middle-class people is hard, but with Medicaid you are without worry about medical bills. I have a lot to be thankful for in this life."