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When Care Is Out of Reach

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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.*

Medicaid has been crucial to treating **Brook**'s son who has cystic fibrosis, a genetic disorder that causes problems with breathing and digestion. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the condition affects about 35,000 people across the nation.

The program in West Virginia has covered surgeries, hospital stays, and medication for her son, in addition to help at her home that includes medical equipment and nursing assistance.

"It helps tremendously," Brook says.

As a mother of three who works full-time at a credit union, Medicaid has covered critical health needs for her family, including the costs of her recent pregnancy and delivery of a baby in April 2020.

"Medicaid is helping with needs for my son that I wouldn't be able to provide without it," Brook says.