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When Medicare Isn't Enough

Margot C. - Issaquah, WA

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.*

Now in her late 70's, **Margot** is unable to live independently and care for herself due to rheumatoid arthritis, fibromyalgia, and a spinal cord injury, all of which have limited her ability to move.

When it was clear she needed assistance, Margot signed up for Medicaid and received coverage for housing in a residential care setting that her private insurance could not provide.

Settled into her new home she has become the president of her resident council, which provides her the opportunity to help peers sign up for Medicaid and address any concerns they may have.

When she is not answering residents' questions, Margot visits those who are bed-bound who don't get to interact with others regularly and reminds them that they're not forgotten.

"I like to help people," she says. "I find that extremely rewarding."