



# When Support Allows You to Give Back

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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.

In college **Becky** was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS), a potentially disabling neurological disease in which the immune system attacks other parts of the body. Her condition worsened to the point where a doctor encouraged her to leave school. Becky ignored that advice, staying in college and graduating.

Despite getting her degree, Becky was forced to sign-up for disability benefits and was advised to enroll in Medicaid.

Now in her 30s Medicaid covers her medical visits and medication, as well as home-based assistance such as cooking, cleaning, showering

and other activities. This support allows Becky to live independently, receive the care she needs and be able to be an active part of a community supporting people living with disabilities.

“When my doctor suggested I drop out I wasn’t sure what my future would look like,” says Becky, who has been part of national efforts to ensure those with disabilities receive the attention they need during the COVID-19 pandemic. “Living with MS is hard but without Medicaid I wouldn’t be able to be a part of this wonderful community and be a voice for people like me.”