When Coverage Helps You Start a Family

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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 America.

Bristeria was excited to learn she was expecting her first child. She was working a part-time job that did not offer health benefits but discovered she was eligible for Medicaid.

Her excitement gave way to fear and anxiety as her pregnancy proved to be difficult. Doctors needed to perform an emergency operation, followed by an unexpected C-section delivery. Bristeria was both relieved and grateful for the birth of a healthy baby boy.

Now a proud mother of two, Bristeria works full-time as a deputy county clerk in Dougherty County, Georgia. She is enrolled in an employer-provided health plan, but she remains **"forever grateful"** that Medicaid was there for her as a temporary safety net amid a challenging pregnancy.