When A Crisis Strikes

MARIE – PORTLAND, MAINE

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.

Marie was 34 and working in public education, case management, and at her local library when she suffered a stroke that left her partially paralyzed.

Marie was temporarily uninsured at the time because of a job transition. She enrolled in MaineCare—Maine's Medicaid program—while receiving treatment in the intensive care unit.

Medicaid ensured Marie could access the physical therapy, occupational therapy, and neurology care she needed to recover. After seven weeks of inpatient care, she left the hospital and began rebuilding her life and independence.

Marie returned to work at the library and disenrolled from Medicaid two years after her stroke. **"I'm living a life that wouldn't have been possible if Medicaid hadn't been there when I needed it,"** she said.