Medicaid covers US

Georgia

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Introduction

Medicaid is a vital health insurance program for America's families. It allows children to reach their fullest potential, adults to get and stay healthy enough to work and be part of their communities and seniors and people with disabilities to get the care that can help them stay at home. Medicaid can be life-changing and lifesaving.

This storybook was designed to help you meet some of the Americans impacted by Medicaid. You will read stories of adults and children who have received critical and often lifesaving health care through Medicaid, health care providers who see the impact for their patients and adults who could benefit but are currently unable to gain access to health insurance through Medicaid.

Medicaid also helps in the fight against cancer. There are more than 700,000 Americans with a history of cancer currently covered by Medicaid. Among these cancer patients and survivors:[1]

★ 1 in 12 have served in the US Armed Forces

★ 1 in 5 could not afford to see a specialist

★ 1 in 10 reported difficulty with activities of daily living

★ Majority are non-Hispanic white female

★ Majority have at least a high school diploma or equivalent

A majority of Americans support Medicaid.[2]

★ 92% of voters feel Medicaid is an important program

★ 76% of voters feel positively about Medicaid including majority of voters across political party ideology feel positively about Medicaid

★ 70% of voters believe Medicaid plays a major role in helping low-income families and individuals support themselves financially

Medicaid Covers US is a new project led by the American Cancer Society and the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) to create a conversation about Medicaid and the role it plays in the health and well-being of our families, friends and communities. We're sharing stories about how having health insurance through Medicaid helps Americans stay healthy, go to work and care for their families. When we ensure that people get the care they need, our communities – our hospitals, schools and economy – thrive. Join the conversation and explore how Medicaid covers US.

1. Analysis provided to ACS CAN by Avalere Health. Medicaid Covers US: Profiles of Medicaid Enrollees with Cancer. Analysis performed March 2019. Analysis performed from data collected from Medicaid enrollees over the age of 15.

2. Research provided to ACS CAN by PerryUndem Research/Communication and Bellwether Research & Consulting. The survey was conducted March 15 – 21, 2019 using YouGov's nationally representative panel or 1,000 registered voters 18+ years old.

Anne Atlanta, GA

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Anne lived in pain for nearly twenty years before Medicaid brought her relief. When she was 38, she began experiencing severe knee pain. The pain left her unable to keep up with her job as a delivery manager, but her insurance policy denied her request for knee replacement surgery. Eventually the pain was so unbearable she had to quit her job.

After leaving her job, Anne started a pet-sitting business, but couldn't afford to buy insurance and her knee pain steadily worsened, making it difficult to get around and keeping her up at night. After years of pain, Anne applied for Medicaid and qualified for coverage.

"If it wasn't for Medicaid, I don't know where I'd be," Anne said. "I feel like a productive member of society again. The program gave me back my life."

"Thanks to the care I receive through Medicaid, I'm well enough to run my own business."

Flecia Smyrna, GA

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In 2005, Flecia was working full-time as a massage therapist. At the time she was healthy and covered by a private health insurance plan.

That December, Flecia was diagnosed with a very aggressive type of breast cancer. She quickly found out that not only would it be impossible for her to pay her $10,000 deductible, but many of the medications and treatments she would need to fight her cancer diagnosis would not be covered by her insurance plan.

So Flecia applied for Medicaid and gained eligibility through the state's breast and cervical cancer treatment program. She is beyond grateful for the health care coverage and cancer treatment care that Medicaid offered: "If it hadn't been for Medicaid, I wouldn't be here today."
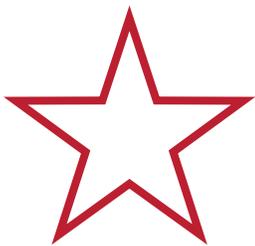
Low-income uninsured and underinsured women are provided access to breast and cervical cancer screening and early detection services through the federally funded Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (BCCEDP). Women screened and diagnosed through BCCEDP are provided a pathway to comprehensive health care and cancer treatment services through their state Medicaid program. In Georgia, the income limit in 2019 to qualify for an individual is $2,082 per month.

Brandon Savannah, GA

" Patients without coverage might have to figure out how to pay for insulin or how to pay their rent – they often can't do both. "

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Cindy Thomson, GA

" I don't think fighting a life-threatening disease should bankrupt a family. And I don't think anyone should lose the chance to battle cancer because they don't have coverage. "

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