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MY LIFE MY STORY



As a woman living with cerebral palsy, the Medicaid waiver gives me the support I need to live independently. It provides therapies that keep my body strong, equipment that gives me mobility, and personal care that helps me manage daily tasks. These services allow me to live in my own home, raise and homeschool my daughters, and participate in my community.

Because of the Medicaid waiver, I can serve on councils and boards across South Carolina, speak to students about inclusion, advocate at the State House, go to grad school, and so much more. I model. I mentor. I mother. I lead. Medicaid waivers helps me show up for my family and contribute to the work I care about.

I want people to understand that needing support does not make me less capable or independent. Without Medicaid, I would still have the same goals, abilities, and determination but I couldn't be me without the services that help me. Losing access to therapies, equipment repairs, or personal care would limit my independence and affect my children's lives, too.

One change that would help is making Medicaid services easier to access and maintain as well as reducing the long waiting lists. People with disabilities need reliable support so we can build our lives without constantly worrying about losing the care that keeps us in our homes and communities. For me, Medicaid means more than healthcare. It means opportunity, dignity, and freedom.