

MOMS NEED MEDICAID

MOTHERS PROVIDE LOVE AND CARE FOR THEIR CHILDREN EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR. MEDICAID PROVIDES SUPPORT TO MOTHERS WHEN THEY NEED IT MOST.

MEDICAID IS ESSENTIAL FOR HEALTHY PREGNANCIES AND HEALTHY BABIES.

Every mother wants to give her baby the best prenatal care available.

Half of Georgia's births are covered by Medicaid.

Medicaid means pregnant women receive regular check-ups and necessary prenatal care to ensure healthy babies. Having this health coverage prevents a soon-to-be mom from worrying about health care costs while planning for the birth of her child.

MEDICAID COVERAGE ALLOWS MOMS TO TAKE THEIR KIDS TO THE DOCTOR WHEN NEEDED.

When it comes to a “boo boo,” there’s no medicine like Mom’s kisses. Yet, Medicaid coverage is essential to providing children with the primary health care they need—from flu shots to broken bones. When children get sick unexpectedly, having healthcare coverage can help them get better quicker, which means they get back to school and Mom gets back to work. Plus, Medicaid has long-term benefits for kids. Studies have shown that children with Medicaid coverage become healthier adults and have higher incomes.

50% of Georgia's children are covered by Medicaid and Peachcare

MEDICAID COVERS MOMS WHO NEED EXTRA SUPPORT.

Some moms may need a little extra help to keep themselves healthy and be healthy parents. Medicaid provides health coverage to mothers who live with a disability so that they can be there for their children.

Medicaid covers family of three with income of <\$7000 per year.

Keeping mothers healthy by ensuring they can go to the doctor when they need to means their children are more likely to be healthy -- because then, Mom can be *Mom*.



Anthony was adopted when he was six and his brother Nicholas when he was three weeks old. Their mother Hannah says “the foster-to-adoption Medicaid program made sure that finances never weighed on our minds. We could focus all our energy on providing a loving family instead of scrambling to pay medical bills. Both Anthony and Nicholas rely on Medicaid for physical and psychological therapy as well as medication.

MOTHERS ARE CARETAKERS

MEDICAID MEANS MOMS AGE WITH DIGNITY. Our mothers took great care of us, so now we want to return the favor by taking care of them as they age. When elderly parents need long-term care, the costs are high and often not covered by Medicare. Medicaid coverage ensures that our mothers (and fathers) are provided for as they get older, without having the huge out-of-pocket financial burden of paying for their health care.

Medicaid helps pay for 3 out of 4 nursing home stays in Georgia.

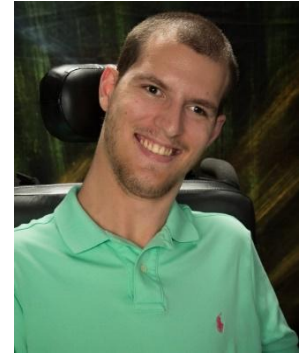
FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTIVE MOTHERS NEED SUPPORT TO MEET NEW CHALLENGES.

Medicaid means that foster care and adoptive families have less to worry about as they build their new families. Medicaid helps pay for the many health challenges that children in foster care may face, including behavioral health needs and the management of chronic health conditions like asthma or diabetes. In addition, these children are eligible for Medicaid until the age of 26, ensuring continuous care into young adulthood.

There are 12,000 children in foster care in Georgia.

MEDICAID HELPS MOMS CARE FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES. Every mother wants to be the best mom she can be for all of her children. The mother of a child with disabilities carries an extra sense of responsibility to ensure that her child can grow up to be a healthy and thriving adult. Disability care costs can impose a monumental level of financial stress on a family. Medicaid helps to relieve the financial burden and promote a healthier home by providing healthcare coverage for children with disabilities. That includes community-based services like in-home nursing care for children with disabilities to help parents continue working so they can continue to provide for the whole family.

>20% of children with special health care needs are 5 or younger.



Joshua is a student at East Georgia State College, enjoys NASCAR, and also has cerebral palsy.

Joshua can live a life of his choosing because of Medicaid, which provides him with a caregiver to help him get ready for college each morning and assist him on campus. For his mother, Medicaid means she can go to work each day and support her family.

MEDICAID WORKS!

Georgia must maintain and strengthen our Medicaid program. As a joint state and federal partnership, Medicaid has provided vital healthcare coverage for more than half a century to some of Georgia's most vulnerable populations—pregnant women, children with disabilities, older adults and low-income families. For Georgia to weaken Medicaid coverage would needlessly place the lives of millions of Georgians at risk.

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