

Testimony for Ohio Senate Medicaid Committee
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Good afternoon, Chair Burke and Committee Members.

My name is Jerry Davis. I am currently receiving Medicaid due to Medicaid Expansion. Ten years ago I was homeless and uninsured. I was having vision problems due to cataracts and health problems with a hernia. Finally in 2014 I got the help I needed when I was able to be on Medicaid due to Medicaid Expansion. It saved my eyesight!

Being able to see a doctor and keep up on my health is making a difference in my life. I am doing active job search. I can now see well enough to read job ads and job application questions. I have recently interviewed for employment positions and I am hoping to be hired. I want to work and I need to work! I have to pay my bills. Right now I am selling "Streetvibes" newspapers but it's not enough to survive on. However, it's a huge help to have health care including vision care while I look for work. I am asking that the State of Ohio keep Medicaid Expansion in the State Budget.

Thank you.