



Colorado Health Care Stories

Lecia Papadopoulos, Lakewood

“The Affordable Care Act makes a tremendous difference in our lives! My daughter, Lily, has several serious conditions that interfere with her ability to do many common activities of daily living. Thanks to the ACA, we were able to get her Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) support, which made a huge difference in her ability to understand what was happening around her and gain daily living skills she would not have gained otherwise. This has made her happier and also able to participate more in her own self-care and advocacy. Further, the ACA’s elimination of annual and lifetime caps ensures my daughter will have access to the care she needs throughout her lifetime.



The ACA also gave me, a single mom and business owner, the ability to change my employment and take a staff job without fear of losing insurance coverage or enduring an expensive waiting period where my daughter’s needs might not have been covered.”

Mark Bollinger, Lakewood

“I am an IT contractor and as such rarely have access to employer-sponsored health coverage. Being a single father of two, too much of my income is already spent on exorbitant insurance costs. If the Affordable Care Act is repealed, it will directly hurt my children and I. In the past, I’ve insured my children and I through the ACA’s marketplace. Now, my children are covered through my ex-wife’s employer-sponsored insurance, but I rely on Medicaid for my health coverage. I am only eligible for Medicaid because of the program’s expansion under the ACA.

I believe politics should not be prioritized over the well being of my family. I’ve watched the GOP initiate dozens of attempts to derail the ACA with no kind of alternative solution to offer in its place. This system is not perfect, but to throw it out for political reasons is irresponsible.”

