

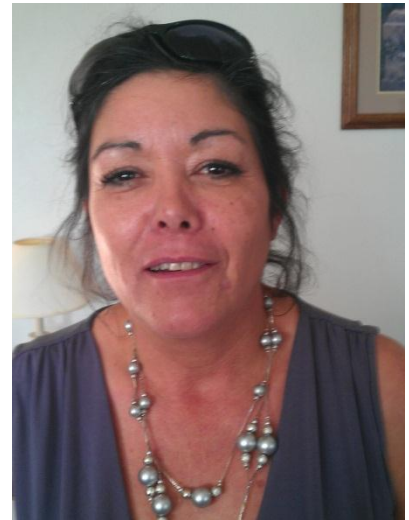


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## SPEAK UP

### Untreated Dental Problems Make Other Health Conditions Worse

Angelia suffered an unfortunate car accident in 2005 which left her disabled. Angelia is a single mother and was uninsured. She really struggled to pay for her medical expenses the resulted from her accident. A few years after the accident Angelia was able to enroll into Medicaid; she has been covered for 2 years now. She's grateful that she can visit the doctor now and have the health conditions related to that accident treated, but she is very concerned about her dental health.



It has been 14 years since Angelia last saw a dentist for a check-up. She has had dental issues as long as she can remember. She had her first cavity when she was only 8 years old. Angelia states that her poor oral health has affected her overall health in a very negative way and made her conditions from the car accident worse.

Furthermore, Angelia does not feel comfortable smiling since she has two missing teeth. "I had to learn how to smile without showing any teeth" she says. She does not feel comfortable with her appearance so her social life and self-confidence has been greatly affected.

She is hopeful dental services will soon be covered by Medicaid so she can finally get her teeth taken care of and live a healthier life.

**POLICY SOLUTION: RESTORE DENTAL BENEFITS FOR ADULTS IN MEDICAID**