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How did you receive health care before the pandemic?

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I was going to a doctor over in Levelland, Texas, but the price got so high that I couldn't afford it anymore. And when I learned about impact with my husband's cancer we changed and came over here, because it was helping us buy the medicine that we needed.

How did that change when the pandemic started?

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I was afraid that they weren't going to be open. And we weren't going to get no help. And just figured I'd just quit taking my medicine. That's what most people would think, well, I'll just get off of it a while. But it didn't happen like that. They just reschedule, you come in, you get all your visits to the doctors through zoom, and it worked out just great.

What would happen if you stopped taking your medication?

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Well, if I would have stopped taking my medications, I would have lost my left toe, because it was very infected. It was about how I was about to lose it. But through my medications, I got to keep my foot and my diabetes is under control. And I get all my lab works done for me at the Texas Tech. And it just keeps me going. I can live a better life.

What was the telemedicine experience like for you?

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It's the same thing as using computers. You just do it over the computer and sometimes it's a headache. Sometimes it's not. And the way they've got it set up, it's making it really easy.