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## **BRANDON** — PATH

Brandon, a dedicated single father of three, began his journey with the PATH program on Oct. 31, 2022. With a strong desire to build a stable future for his family, he expressed interest in pursuing a career in medical billing and coding. Michigan Works! West Central supported his goal by helping him enroll in a training program to earn his certification.

Throughout his training, Brandon remained focused and determined, diligently completing his lessons while also volunteering and consistently applying for positions at Corewell Health — his dream employer.

However, when it came time for certification testing, he faced unexpected challenges. Michigan Works! referred him to Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) for additional support. After evaluation, MRS found that medical billing and coding might not be the best fit for Brandon's learning style.

Despite this setback, Brandon remained steadfast in his goal of working at Corewell Health. In 2024, under the guidance of a new PATH case manager, he was referred to Corewell's volunteer program. Before completing the process, he was offered an interview for a role in their kitchen. His persistence paid off — in September 2024, Brandon was hired



into Corewell Health's Nutrition Services department.

Brandon's story is one of perseverance, adaptability and resilience. He overcame challenges, adjusted his career goals and found a path that

aligned with both his strengths and his passion. He continues to thrive in his new role and is incredibly grateful for the support and guidance Michigan Works! West Central provided throughout his journey.