

# Changes to Medicaid Coverage Starting January 2027

Starting January 1, 2027, some people who have Medicaid coverage will need to show they are working, going to school, helping out in the community, or participating in job training to keep their health coverage. This is a new federal rule from the government called Work Requirements for Medicaid Coverage. Note, this information may change as the federal government finalizes the rule.

## You can do these things to meet the requirements:



**A)** Earn income of at least \$580 per month



**B)** Complete at least 80 hours per month of any of the following activities, or a combination of them:

- Work in a job
- Go to school at least half time
- Join a job training or work program
- Volunteer or help out in your community



**C)** Earn some income and complete some hours of approved activities (B above) each month



- For example, if you earn \$380 per month, that equals 52 hours when using the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 ( $\$380/\$7.25 = 52$ ). To meet the 80 hours of approved activities, you would need to do 28 more hours of any of the activities in B above.

## Will the Work Requirements for Medicaid Coverage Rule Affect Me?

This rule is for adults ages 19 – 64 who have Medicaid coverage. But some people do **not** have to follow this rule. Some examples include people who are:

- Diagnosed with a physical or mental health condition that makes it hard to work
- A parent, guardian, caretaker relative, or family caregiver to a child under 14 or disabled individual
- In a SNAP household, and subject to SNAP work requirements
- Enrolled in TANF and meeting TANF work requirements
- Pregnant, or were pregnant in the last 12 months

For a full list of exceptions, go to the [NY State of Health Changes to Medicaid Coverage webpage](#).

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** You may need to meet certain conditions or show proof that you fit one of the exceptions when you renew your Medicaid coverage.

## What Should I Do Now?

Before anything changes, we will tell you exactly what you need to do to keep your Medicaid coverage.

Please make sure we have your correct phone number, email address, and home address so we can send you important information.

If you enrolled in Medicaid through NY State of Health, you can update your contact information in these ways:



- ✔ Go to your NY State of Health account at [nystateofhealth.ny.gov](https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov).
- ✔ Meet with an [enrollment assister](#) who can help you update your account.
- ✔ Call the [NY State of Health Customer Service Center](#) at 1-855-329-8850 (TTY: 1-800-662-1220).
- ✔ Download the NYSOH Mobile Upload app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

You can learn more about how to update your contact information with NY State of Health here: [Reporting Changes](#).

Some New Yorkers enroll in Medicaid through their county's Local Department of Social Services. A small number of these people will also need to follow new federal rules. If you enrolled in Medicaid with your county's [Local Department of Social Services](#), contact that office to update your information.



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