Department of Health & Human Services

H.R. 1 Community Engagement Messaging for Managed Care Entities

Website message:

Medicaid community engagement requirement

A new federal law, H.R. 1 (OBBBA), was signed on July 4, 2025, and has changed the rules for how some people keep their Medicaid. This new rule says that certain members must now show they are working or active in their community.

If this rule applies to you, you must show that you are doing one or a combination of these things for 80 hours each month of your look back period in order to keep your Medicaid:

- Working a job.
- Training for a job or participating in a work program.
- Going to school (at least half-time).
- Volunteering (community service).
- Earning at least $580 a month.
- Showing why you cannot work or volunteer.

This new rule applies to adults in the **Adult Expansion and Targeted Adult Medicaid (TAM) programs.** This includes members, age 19-64, unless they meet specific exclusion criteria.

Who is an excluded individual?

Adults who are:

- Pregnant or receiving postpartum Medicaid
- n foster care (or were in the past)
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- A parent, guardian, or caregiver for a child age 13 or younger, or for a person with a disability
- A veteran with a 100% disability
- Medically frail or have special needs, including:
    - Blindness or a disability
    - A substance use disorder or mental health condition
    - A condition that makes it hard to do daily tasks
- Subject to work requirements on the SNAP or TANF programs
- Incarcerated currently
- Participating in a drug or alcohol treatment and rehabilitation program

Are there exceptions that meet the community engagement requirement?

Since your last review or approval, you may have already met the community engagement requirement if you:

- You were under 19 years old
- Are enrolled in Medicare part A or B
- Received Title IV-E Foster Care/Guardianship
- Received Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Have been incarcerated at any time during the three months prior to your last approval or renewal
- Received coverage under a different Medicaid program
- Experienced one of the following temporary hardships:
    - You were hospitalized or lived in a nursing home
    - You or your dependent had to travel for an extended period of time for medical care that was not available in your area
    - You lived in a county while it had a declared national emergency or a very high unemployment rate

How do I meet the community engagement requirement?

To get or keep your Medicaid, you will need to **work, go to school, volunteer, participate in a job program**, **or qualify for an exclusion.** These are called “community engagement requirements.”

Medicaid community engagement requirements do not apply to everyone with Medicaid. Some people, including those with special medical needs, do not have to meet these new requirements. These are called “exclusions.”

You may need to provide proof of these activities every 6 months during your review. We are here to help. We want you to stay enrolled in Medicaid and are working to make this process easy for you. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will help you figure out if you have to report work activities. DHHS and the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) will check the information we already have and use that information first. If you do need to report, DWS will tell you what to do next.

What do I need to do now?

You do not need to do anything right now. These changes do not start until January 1, 2027. DWS will send you more information and a renewal letter when it is time for you to take action, but please make sure your information is up-to-date.

- You can check to make sure your information is correct in your **myCase** account.
- You will need to update your information if you moved recently or if any of your contact information has changed (like your phone number or email address).

Pay attention to the deadlines.

You can lose your Medicaid benefits if you don't return forms or miss deadlines. To make sure your information is up-to-date or to update your information, call:

- Your health plan
- The Department of Workforce Services at 1-866-435-7414
- A Medicaid health program representative at 1-866-608-9422

Do you have any questions?

The fastest way to get answers and support is to visit **medicaid.utah.gov/obbba**.