

New Medicaid Work or Community Engagement Requirement

This letter is to notify you that federal Medicaid rules are changing **beginning January 1, 2027**. Some adults will need to meet a new Medicaid work or community engagement requirement to apply for or keep their Medicaid coverage.

Some adults ages 19 to 64 who qualify for Kentucky Medicaid based only on their income may need to meet this requirement.

No action is required at this time. If we determine that you need to meet the new requirement, you will receive more information before your 2027 renewal. We will tell you whether you currently meet the requirement or may qualify for an exemption. At that time, you will have the right to provide more information or appeal if you disagree.

Who Must Meet the Requirement?

You may need to meet the requirement if you:

- Are age 19 to 64; and
- Qualify for Medicaid based **only** on income; and
- Are not exempt.

Who Qualifies for an Exemption to the Requirement?

You **do not** have to meet the requirement if we can document that you are one of the following:

- Former foster care child under age 26
- Member of a federally recognized tribe (American Indian or Alaska Native)
- A parent, guardian or caregiver of a child age 13 or younger; or a disabled individual of any age
- Veteran with a total disability rating
- Receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), or Social Security Retirement (SSR) due to disability
- Entitled to or Enrolled in Medicare Part A or Part B
- Have a serious or complex medical condition or are medically frail, including a disability, mental health condition or substance use disorder
- Pregnant or in the 12-month postpartum period
- An inmate of a public institution now or was incarcerated in the past 3 months
- In a drug/alcohol or mental health treatment program
- Meet Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) work requirements
- Meet and not exempt from Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) work requirements
- Enrolled in a 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Waiver or the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

It is important to tell us at your 2027 renewal if any of these apply to you to ensure that you receive the exemption.

What is the Work or Community Engagement Requirement?

This requirement means you must report working or taking part in activities for at least 80 hours each month for any 3 months between renewals. You can meet the requirement by:

- Completing at least 80 hours per month of:
 - Work; or Job training or a work program; or

- Volunteering or community service; or
- Any combination of the activities above that adds up to 80 hours; or
- Going to school at least half-time including high school, college, or career and technical education; or
- Earning \$580 a month, or if your work is seasonal, earning an average of \$580 over the last 6 months.

Starting in 2027, Medicaid will check available information to see if you meet the requirement or qualify for an exemption. You will be contacted if more information is needed.

What Happens If You Don't Meet the Requirement?

If you do not meet the requirements or qualify for an exemption:

- You will receive a **noncompliance notice**
- You will have **30 days** to provide more information
- If you are currently enrolled in Medicaid, your coverage will continue those 30 days

It is important to respond within 30 days. If you do not respond, you may lose your Medicaid coverage.

You have the right to appeal any eligibility decision. Appeal instructions will be included in your Notice of Eligibility. You may also reapply for coverage at any time.

Have Questions or Need to Report Changes?

- Log into the [Self-Service Portal](#).
- Call kynect at 1-855-459-6328 Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 7:00 pm ET
- Call the Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) at 1-855-306-8959 Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm ET
- Call or visit a kynector - [find a kynector](#).
- Visit a DCBS office - [find a DCBS office near you](#).

For more information about the work or community engagement requirement, please visit the [Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange \(KHBE\) website](#).