Federal changes for Maryland Medicaid starting in 2027

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Federal changes to Medicaid are starting on January 1, 2027.
To keep Medicaid, some adults may need to:

- Work, volunteer, or take part in other activities
- Renew their Medicaid more than once a year

Q: Who may be affected?

If you are 19 to 64 years old and have Medicaid, these rules could affect you if you make:

- Up to $21,000 a year for one person
- Up to $44,000 a year for a family of four

Q: Who does NOT have to follow these rules?

These new rules will not affect most adults. You do not have to follow the work or activity rules if you are:

- 18 or younger
- 65 or older
- Disabled
- Pregnant
- Caring for a young child
- Sick with a long-term health condition
- In other groups protected by law

Q: What are the new rules?

RULE #1:
Starting in 2027, some adults will need to show they are working or taking part in other activities.

You may meet this rule by completing at least 80 hours of any of the following in a single month:

- Working at a job
- Going to school
- Doing volunteer work
- Taking part in job training

If you already work and can show you make at least $580/month, you may not need to do anything extra.

RULE #2:
Some adults may need to renew Medicaid every six months.

This means you may need to show:

- Your income
- Your work or activities

This helps make sure you can keep your Medicaid coverage.

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Q: Why is this change happening?

This change is part of a new federal law called H.R. 1, passed in July 2025.

Q: What you should do now:

Right now, you don't need to do anything. These changes will not start until 2027.

But it is a good idea to:

- Keep your contact information up to date in your account
- Report changes to your income or family in your account
- Open and read letters from Maryland Health Connection

Maryland Health Connection will send you a letter in September 2026 if you will need to meet work requirements when you renew your coverage in 2027.

More information will be shared as we get closer to 2027.

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