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How to Keep Your Medicaid: Work Reporting Requirements



BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027:

Some adults ages 19-64 enrolled in Medicaid must complete **80 hours per month of qualifying activities**, such as **work, school, job training, or community service**, to maintain their coverage.

Many people are exempt. Here's what you need to know.



WHAT IS A QUALIFYING ACTIVITY?



Completed 80 hours a month of work, community service, or a work program (SNAP employment and training or another federal, state or local program).



Enrolled in education at least half time (high school, GED, college, or career and technical education).



Received \$580 a month in earned or unearned income. For seasonal workers, monthly average of \$580 over six months.

OR combine hours from work, community service, work programs, and education that is less than half time to reach 80 hours a month.

WHAT IS A QUALIFYING MONTH?

This is when the Health Care Authority will check whether you are meeting the work reporting requirements or qualify for an exemption.

A **qualifying month** is either **the month before you apply for Medicaid** or, if you are already enrolled, **any one month during the six-month period since your last Medicaid renewal**.



WHO QUALIFIES FOR EXEMPTIONS?



Parents, guardians, caretaker relatives or family caregivers of a dependent child under the age of 14 or disabled individual



Current and former foster youth up to age 26



Pregnant individuals or those eligible for postpartum Medicaid



Anyone entitled to **Medicare Part A** or enrolled in **Medicare Part B**



Native Americans



Medically frail individuals (blind or disabled; substance use disorder; disabling mental disorder; physical, intellectual, or developmental disability that significantly limits 1+ daily activities; serious or complex medical condition)



Individuals who are incarcerated or recently released within the past 90 days



Individuals in a treatment program for substance use or alcohol use disorders



Individuals already in compliance with the work requirements under **TANF** or **SNAP**



Veterans with disability rated as total (100%)



YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR A SHORT-TERM EXEMPTION IF YOU:



Are **hospitalized or living in a nursing home or similar facility.**



Travel for **medically necessary care not available locally.**



Live in a county with high unemployment or under federal emergency .

HOW EXEMPTIONS WORK:



The Health Care Authority (HCA) will try to automatically verify many exemptions using available data. If HCA cannot verify your exemption, you may need to provide documentation. **You must request all short-term exemptions directly from HCA.**