



Medicaid Changes Are Coming. Are You Ready?

What is changing and when?

Eligibility for “Qualified Immigrants”	Effective October 2026
<p>The federal definition of “qualified immigrants” will soon change to exclude many previously eligible, lawfully present non-citizens from Medicaid coverage.</p>	<p>These adult groups will no longer qualify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Refugees and asylum seekers▪ Victims of domestic violence and trafficking <p>These groups will still qualify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Children under 19▪ Pregnant people▪ Green card holders, living in the US for 5+ years▪ Cuban and Haitian immigrants▪ Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrants
Work Requirements & Increased Renewals (Redetermination)	Effective January 2027
<p>Individuals who qualify for health coverage thanks to Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act (also known as “ACA adults”) will be subject to new eligibility requirements.</p> <p>“ACA adults” enrollees are defined as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Individuals age 19-64▪ Have no dependent children age 13 or younger living with them	<p>To maintain eligibility, “ACA adult” Medicaid enrollees must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Renew coverage every 6 months (also known as going through redetermination)▪ Demonstrate 80 hours per month of work, school, or volunteering <p>Some individuals may be eligible for exemptions.</p> <p>Details coming from HFS in September 2026</p>

Do you have Medicaid? Here’s what you can do now:

- 1. Stay enrolled.** The first eligibility changes don’t take effect until October. Renew your coverage and get the care you need now.
- 2. Stay connected.** Keep your address and phone number up-to-date with the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS). HFS will tell you if you have to do something new to keep your Medicaid.
- 3. Stay informed.** Be on the lookout for information on Medicaid changes from HFS, your health plan and doctor’s office. Follow them on social media and sign up for newsletters. Visit [GetMedicaidFacts.com](https://www.getmedicaidfacts.com) for more information.