Preparing for New Medicaid Rules

Beginning in 2027, some adults enrolled in Medicaid may need to meet new Community Engagement requirements through working, enrolling in school, or volunteering. Many people will not be affected. If these changes apply to you, we're here to help you understand what to do next.



Does This Change Apply to Me?

You may be affected if you receive Medicaid through:

- Aetna Better Health of West Virginia
- The Health Plan of West Virginia
- Highmark Health Options
- Wellpoint (formerly UniCare)

You may also be affected if, when you apply or are due for renewal, you are turning 19 or are a parent or caregiver whose youngest child is turning 14.

Who Does Not Need to Meet These Rules?

Many people qualify for an exclusion or exception, including those who:

- Are pregnant now or were pregnant within the last 12 months
- Are under age 19
- Are a parent, guardian, or family caregiver for a child age 13 and younger or someone of any age who is disabled
- Have a physical, mental, or developmental disability that makes daily tasks hard
- Have a serious health problem and need regular care
- Have a substance use disorder and have been in recovery for less than five years
- Are in a drug or alcohol treatment program
- Have a serious mental health condition, like schizophrenia or major depression
- Are blind or disabled
- Are 19 to 25 and have aged out of foster care
- Are an American Indian or Alaska Native
- Are a veteran with a total, or 100%, disability rating from the VA
- Are in jail or prison when it's time to renew or were released in the last 90 days before your renewal
- Are a member of a household that gets SNAP (food assistance) and are not exempt from SNAP work requirement rules
- Get TANF/WVWORKS (cash assistance) and already meet their work requirement rules
- Qualify for Medicare Part A or are enrolled in Medicare Part B

What Do I Need To Do?

Take the online quiz to find out if the new rules impact you.

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For a full list of exclusions and exceptions visit WVMedicaidHelp.org

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