

What Kentuckians Can Expect During the Partial Federal Government Shutdown starting October 1, 2025.

MEDICAID COVERAGE AND SERVICES: Business as Usual

- **Medicaid coverage will continue uninterrupted.**
Medicaid is a mandatory program, and federal funding for benefits is not affected by a shutdown. Members can continue to access medical services as usual.
- **Providers will continue to receive payment.**
Medicaid providers can still submit claims and will be paid for services rendered to Medicaid members.
- **New applications, renewals, and changes will still be processed.**
All services related to Medicaid applications, eligibility reviews, and changes in coverage will proceed without delays. The following resources remain open and fully operational:
 - **Contact Centers**
 - **kynectors and kynector programs**
 - **Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) offices**

QUALIFIED HEALTH PLAN HEALTH COVERAGE: Business as Usual

- **No disruption to accessing Qualified Health Plans.**
The **kynect State-Based Marketplace** will continue to provide full services to residents seeking coverage through Qualified Health Plans (QHPs).
- **Advance Premium Tax Credit (APTC) payments will continue.**
Subsidies for both **current and new QHP enrollees** will remain in place. These are funded through user fees and other non-discretionary sources, which are unaffected by a federal shutdown.
- **Open Enrollment begins November 1, 2025.**
The annual Open Enrollment period for kynect health coverage will proceed as scheduled. Kentucky residents will have full access to enroll in coverage or make changes for the 2026 plan year.