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Medicaid Work or Community Engagement Requirement:

Some adults, ages 19 to 64, who are enrolled in Medicaid based solely on income, also known as the Expansion Population, must meet a new work or community engagement requirement to apply for or keep coverage.

- New applicants: Reporting Requirement starts January 1, 2027
- Current members: Reporting Requirement starts with February 2027 renewals ongoing

Who May Be Exempt:

- 18 or younger.
- 65 or older.
- Former foster care youth up to age 26.
- Member of a federally recognized tribe (American Indian or Alaska Native).
- A Parent, guardian, or caregiver and actively involved in the care of a child 13 or younger; or a person of any age with a disability.
- Veteran with a total disability rating.
- Receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), or Social Security Retirement (SSR) due to disability.
- Entitled or enrolled in Medicare Part A or enrolled in Part B.
- Medically frail or have a serious or complex medical condition, including a disability, mental health condition, or substance use disorder, that impacts your ability to complete community engagement requirements.
- Enrolled in a 1915(c) Home and Community Based Waiver or the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly.
- Meeting the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program work requirements.
- Live in a household that is meeting and not exempt from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) work requirements.
- In a treatment program for mental health or substance use disorder.
- An inmate of a public institution now or was incarcerated in the past three months.
- Pregnant or in the 12-month postpartum period.

- **Meet Short-Term Hardship Exception** such as:
  - You are staying in a hospital or nursing facility.
  - You or your dependent must travel away from home for medical care that is not available in your community because of a serious or complex medical condition.
  - You live in an area with very high unemployment.
  - You live in an area affected by a federally declared emergency