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# New Medicaid Application Questions for Upcoming Work or Community Engagement Requirement

Kentucky is preparing for the future Medicaid work or community engagement (MACE) requirement under federal law HR 1. When you apply for Medicaid or renew your coverage, you may see questions about work, school, caregiving, or other activities. We are collecting this information now to help prepare for future implementation. Your answers will **not** affect your Medicaid eligibility at this time.

## Why am I seeing these questions?

Kentucky is preparing to put the new Medicaid work or community engagement requirement in place by January 1, 2027. You may now see related questions when you apply for Medicaid or renew your coverage. The questions may ask about work, school, job training, community service, caregiving, health conditions, or other circumstances.

## Why should I answer now?

Sharing information early helps Kentucky prepare for implementation on January 1, 2027. It also gives you a chance to report activities or circumstances that may mean the requirement does not apply to you.

## Will my answers affect my Medicaid eligibility now?

**No.** At this time, Medicaid will not use your answers to these questions to decide whether you qualify for coverage.

- You can continue to complete your application or renewal.
- You will not be denied Medicaid for not meeting the work or community engagement requirement at this time.
- You will not receive a request for information about these requirements at this time.

## What should I do?

- Answer the questions as completely and accurately as you can.
- Keep your contact information up to date so you receive future notices.
- Read any letters or notices you receive from Kentucky Medicaid.

**Important: Your answers to these questions are not being used to decide if you qualify for Medicaid at this time.**

**For additional reference materials, please visit medicaidchanges.ky.gov.**
**kynect: 1-855-459-6328 (Mon–Fri, 8:00 a.m. –7:00 p.m. ET)**