Keeping Virginia Covered:
How Federal Law is Changing Medicaid Coverage in 2027

Virginia Medicaid is committed to helping eligible people access and keep their health coverage.
Below is information to help Virginians navigate changes coming to Medicaid in 2027.

What's Changing?

Beginning January 1, 2027, a new federal law is changing Medicaid for some Virginians by adding:

- **A new Medicaid work requirement** for some members to keep their coverage
- **More frequent eligibility renewals** every 6 months instead of 12 months

Who Do These Changes Apply To?

These changes only apply to Medicaid Expansion members. Medicaid Expansion covers adults:

- Ages 19 through 64
- With incomes below 138% of the Federal Poverty Level ($22,025 per year for an individual)
- Not eligible for Medicare

The work requirement does NOT apply to:

- Pregnant or postpartum individuals
- Adults with a serious medical or mental health condition, substance use disorder, or disability
- Parents, guardians, or caregivers, to children under 14 or to individuals (of any age) with a disability
- Individuals subject to SNAP or TANF work requirements
- Recently or currently incarcerated individuals
- American Indian or Alaska Native individuals[1]

For a full list of exemptions, please visit: **dmas.virginia.gov**

How Can People Satisfy the New Work Requirements?

- Working, volunteering, or participating in work training or education for at least 80 hours a month
- Enrolling in an educational program at least half-time
- Earning at least $580 in monthly income (or, for seasonal workers, an average of $580 over six months)

What Steps Can Someone Take Today?

Keep your contact information up to date, including your address, email or phone number, and keep an eye out for important notifications from Virginia Medicaid.

Information can be updated through CommonHelp at **commonhelp.virginia.gov**, or by contacting CoverVA via virtual chat at **coverva.dmas.virginia.gov** or calling 855-242-8282 (TTY: 888-221-1590)

How is Virginia Implementing These Changes?

Virginia Medicaid's priority is helping eligible Virginians stay covered. Our goal is to automate this process as much as possible, relying on information already available to the state. Once these changes take effect, if we need more information from a Medicaid applicant or member, we will reach out.

Visit **dmas.virginia.gov** for more information and follow Cardinal Care on social media for updates:
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[1] These individuals are also exempt from 6-month renewals and will continue to be renewed every 12 months.