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WHAT'S CHANGING. On January 1, 2027, federal law is changing Medicaid for some Virginians by adding:

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

WHO IS AFFECTED. These changes apply **only to adults with Medicaid Expansion** (adults ages 19–64 with incomes up to 138% of the Federal Poverty Level).

EXEMPTIONS. Many exemptions apply to the new work requirement, including for individuals who are pregnant or postpartum, have a serious medical or mental health condition, substance use disorder, or disability, are parents, guardians, or caregivers of a child under 14 or individual with a disability, and more. A complete list is available at **dmas.virginia.gov**.

MEETING WORK REQUIREMENTS. Requirements can be met by working, volunteering, or participating in work training or education for at least 80 hours a month, enrolling as a student at least half-time, or having an income of at least $580/month.

VIRGINIA MEDICAID. Virginia Medicaid is committed to helping eligible people stay covered. We will use existing information whenever possible before requesting additional information from members.

TAKE ACTION TODAY. Members should **ensure their contact information is up to date** and keep an eye out for important notifications from Virginia Medicaid. Health care providers, community organizations, and others can **help spread the word** about these important changes.

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Members can update their information 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).

For additional information, visit **dmas.virginia.gov** or scan below.

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