Preparing for Medicaid Changes

In 2025, President Trump signed into law a bill that cuts $1 trillion from the Medicaid program and makes sweeping changes to eligibility, enrollment processes and more. Beginning January 1, 2027, states must require applicable individuals (adults between 19-64 who are not pregnant, entitled to or enrolled in Medicare and are not disabled or receiving SSI) to demonstrate work reporting requirements as a condition of eligibility for Medicaid at application and renewal. **Here are some steps you can take to protect your Medicaid coverage now and, in the future, as the new requirements go into effect.**

	Know the name of your Medicaid program (some go by names like HuskyHealth, BadgerCare, Apple Health; some programs are managed by insurers like Aetna or Centene). Visit Medicaid.gov or your state's medicaid agency website.
	Make sure that your **contact information is up to date** with your Medicaid program, and make a practice of **logging into your Medicaid account** regularly to check for updates.
	Sign up for access to your state's Medicaid portal (if applicable). Check this portal often for messages.
	Consider having a trusted family member or friend be your **"Medicaid Buddy"** to help you keep track of due dates, assist with application completion, remind you of enrollment periods or even attend Medicaid appointments.
	Be sure to **open all mail and emails** from Medicaid and/or your state's health department and your insurer. If you receive any communication, **respond within the deadline** (typically 10-30 days).
	Begin keeping detailed **records of your monthly work or qualifying activities** (e.g., caregiving, school, community service). These can include pay stubs, schedules, attendance sheets, etc.
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