

What Do the New Medicaid Work, Volunteering, or Study Requirements Mean For Me?

Big changes are coming to Medicaid, including PeachCare, starting in 2027. A new nationwide law passed in July 2025 says that some people need to prove that they spent 80 hours per month on “community engagement” in order to keep their Medicaid. Other people - like people with disabilities and caregivers - do not have to do this.

Some people have described this as a new “work requirement,” but work is only one kind of community engagement that the law recognizes. Volunteering and attending college, technical, or apprenticeship programs also count towards the requirement.

Some people might lose their Medicaid coverage if they can’t show “community engagement.” People also might lose coverage if they don’t (or can’t) prove they met those requirements.



This document explains:

- Who the new requirements apply to
- How the new requirement affects benefits
- How to speak up



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Who do the new requirements apply to?

In 2027, these new work requirements will apply to all Medicaid programs - not just income-based programs. That includes Medicaid for pregnant people and people with disabilities.

There are exceptions for some people, including:

- People with disabilities or serious health problems
- Caregivers of young children and people with disabilities
- People over age 65 or under age 19
- Native Americans
- Former foster youth under age 26

Even if you are entitled to an exception, you still might need to fill out paperwork twice a year to prove that you are exempt - starting in 2027.

These new requirements might cause people with disabilities and their caregivers to lose Medicaid. People might not realize they need to fill out paperwork. Or they may forget to. Caregivers may have a hard time proving that they are caregivers.

How to Speak Up

Georgia can help make sure that people with disabilities and caregivers won't lose Medicaid because of the work requirements. It can set up its system so that anyone who gets Medicaid because of a disability, doesn't have to fill out paperwork to prove they are disabled. It can also make it easier for caregivers to prove they are caregivers.

Georgia also can ask the federal government to delay work requirements in Georgia until 2029. This may give it more time to update its systems, so that people with disabilities get automatically exempted from the work requirements.

You can call or write to your [legislator](#) and [DBHDD](#) and tell them that people with disabilities, seniors, and people under 19 should be **automatically** given an exemption from the work requirements - without having to fill out forms twice a year. You can also tell them to make it easier for caregivers to prove they are caregivers.

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