



HR 1 Implementation Update

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Upcoming MA Eligibility Changes

- MA Eligibility for Noncitizens
- Work or Community Engagement for MA Adults without Children
- Six-month Renewals for MA Adults without Children
- Limits to Retroactive MA

Medical Assistance (MA) Eligibility for Noncitizens

- Currently, to qualify for MA with full benefits, an adult who is not pregnant must be a U.S. citizen or national or have a qualified immigration status.
- Beginning October 1, 2026, for non-pregnant adults, MA will be limited to U.S. citizens and nationals, and people who are “eligible noncitizens.”
- Eligible noncitizens include only:
 - Lawful Permanent Residents (also known as LPRs or “green card” holders)
 - Must still satisfy a five-year waiting period or meet an exception to the five-year waiting period
 - Cuban or Haitian entrants
 - Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrants (Citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau)

MHCP Eligibility Policies Unchanged

- A noncitizen who is ineligible for MA due to their immigration status, may qualify for:
 - Emergency Medical Assistance,
 - MA for People Receiving Services from the Center for Victims of Torture,
 - Refugee Medical Assistance, or
 - MinnesotaCare
- MA eligibility for pregnant women and children under age 21 is not changing:
 - Pregnant women may qualify for MA or CHIP-funded MA during pregnancy and 12 months postpartum, whether they have a lawfully present status or not.
 - Children under age 21 who have a lawfully present status may qualify for MA.

MA Adults without Children Work or Community Engagement Mandate

- Adults without children are ages 21 through 64, without children under age 19 living with them.
 - Not eligible or enrolled in Medicare
 - Not eligible under other MA mandatory bases of eligibility
- Beginning January 1, 2027, adults without children must demonstrate work or community engagement or qualify for an exemption, to get and keep MA.

Work or Community Engagement Exemptions

Adults without children do not have to complete work or community engagement if they are exempt. This includes:

- American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN)
- Family caretaker of a disabled individual + more
- Veteran with a disability rated as total
- Medically frail
- Meeting the work requirements for MFIP or in a household that receives SNAP and are not exempt from SNAP work requirements
- People receiving Alcohol Use Disorder or Substance Use Disorder treatment
- Incarcerated or released from incarceration within the past 3 months

Work or Community Engagement Activities

- Monthly income that is at least \$580
- Seasonal workers with average monthly income over previous 6 months that is at least \$580
- Work or other qualifying activities at least 80 hours per month
- Community service or work program at least 80 hours per month
- At least half-time enrollment in an educational program

OR

- A combination of these activities for 80 hours.

MA Adults without Children

Six-month renewals

- Beginning with applications submitted and renewals initiated on and after January 1, 2027, MA adults without children will have:
 - 6-month eligibility periods, and
 - Eligibility renewals conducted every 6 months.
- There are no other changes to the ex parte renewal process for MA adults without children. Enrollees whose eligibility cannot be confirmed by trusted electronic data sources will receive a renewal form to complete and return.

Limits to Retroactive MA

- Currently, MA is available for up to 3 months prior to the month an applicant submits an application, if the person is eligible for MA for the past month(s) and received medical services that would be covered by MA.
- For applications submitted on or after January 1, 2027:
 - MA will be available for the one month prior to application for adults without children
 - MA will be available for up to two months prior to the month of application for all other MA eligibility groups.
- Retroactive MA eligibility rules apply to people who are newly determined eligible for MA after they report a change in circumstances, new family members and family members who newly request coverage.

What we are Working on to Prepare

What We Are Doing Now (1)

Policy

- ❖ Reviewing incoming policy updates from CMS
- ❖ Policy Bulletins are being developed
 - Non-Citizen
 - Six-Month Renewal
 - Work or Community Engagement Requirements
 - Retro Coverage

Communications Support

- ❖ Public-facing communications in development including new websites and updates to others
- ❖ Focus is being given to provide clarity and consistency across agencies

What We Are Doing Now (2)



What We Are Doing Now (3)



One-time Informational Mailer- Non-citizen

- Informational mailer sent to non-citizens impacted by October 1, 2026, law change
- Directs enrollees to contact their service agency to update their immigration status if it has changed
- Mailing envelope will have a purple rectangle that says, Important Information Enclosed
- Anticipated to be mailed the week of June 15
- Return address is a DHS PO Box
- No return service requested

Why are you getting this letter?

A change to Medical Assistance may impact you. Starting October 1, 2026, federal law changes who can get Medical Assistance. This change only affects people who are not U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals.

To keep Medical Assistance after that date, lawfully present noncitizens age 21 or older who are not pregnant, must have one of these immigration statuses:

- Lawful Permanent Resident (green card holder)
- Cuban or Haitian Entrant, or
- Compact of Free Association (COFA) Migrant (from the Marshall Islands, Micronesia or Palau).

What should you do now?

Contact your county or Tribal human services agency right away if:

- You recently became a Lawful Permanent Resident, Cuban or Haitian Entrant, or COFA Migrant;
- You recently became a U.S. citizen or U.S. national; or
- You are pregnant. (The new law does not apply if you are pregnant.)

Find your county's or Tribe's human services agency phone number and address on the enclosed list.

One-time Informational Mailer- 6-month renewal and work or community engagement requirements

- Provides high level information about 6-month renewals and work or community engagement requirements
- Directs the enrollee to the Renewal Date Lookup Tool to report how they are exempt from or meet the work or community engagement requirements. These questions will be available from June through August.
- Refers clients to Navigators for help
- Mailing envelope will have an orange rectangle that says, Important Information Enclosed
- Anticipated to be mailed the week of June 22
- Return address is a DHS PO Box
- No return service requested

Important information about your Medical Assistance.

Federal law is changing the eligibility rules for some people who get Medical Assistance. These changes only affect Medical Assistance enrollees who are adults without dependent children and who:

- Are age 21 to 64,
- Do not live with their children under age 19,
- Are not pregnant, and
- Do not have Medical Assistance based on disability.

Our records show you are in this group of Medical Assistance enrollees and will be affected by the changes.

What is changing?

- **More frequent renewals:** After your renewal in 2027, your Medical Assistance eligibility must be renewed every six months instead of annually. If you are an American Indian or Alaska Native your Medical Assistance renewal will still occur annually. We will mail a notice to you when it is time for your Medical Assistance renewal.
- **Work or community engagement:** Starting January 1, 2027, you must meet certain work or community engagement requirements unless you meet an exemption, to keep your Medical Assistance coverage. You are exempt from these requirements if you are an American Indian or Alaska Native.

Renewal Date Lookup Tool


Enter three of the four fields to confirm your identity.

Case Number ?
.....

Member Number ?
12345678

Social Security Number (last 4 digits)
XXX - XX -

Date of Birth
Month: .. Day: .. Year:

I'm not a robot 

Submit

Select all the reasons that apply

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Family Caregiver of Disabled Individual
- Veteran with a Total Disability Rating
- Medically Frail or Special Medical Needs
- On SNAP or MFIP and Subject to Work Requirements
- In a Drug or Alcohol Treatment and Rehabilitation Program
- Current or Recent Inmate of a Public Institution
- Receiving Care in a Facility
- Residing Away from Home for Medical Care

Did Jessica meet an exception to the federal work or community engagement requirement **last month?** *

Did Jessica complete a qualifying activity **last month?** *

Select all the activities that apply

- Worked 80 hours or more
- Completed 80 hours or more of Community Service
- Participated in a Work Program for 80 hours or more
- Enrolled in School at least Half-Time
- Combination of Work/Community Service/Work Program/School for 80 hours or more
- Monthly Income of \$580 or more
- Seasonally Employed with Average Monthly Income of \$580 over the last 6 months

Work or Community Engagement Questions


- The Work or Community Engagement Questions added to the application both online and the paper DHS-6696.
- The DHS-6696 will have an Appendix D
- Appendix can be used for an RFI
- METS renewal forms for January will have the questions added
- These will be mailed in October to enrollees
- Questions will be on all METS renewals (MA and MinnesotaCare)

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APPENDIX D Work or Community Engagement

Complete this appendix if you or a family member are adults between 21 and 65 years old and who do not have children under age 19 living with them.

Starting January 1, 2027, adults without children must work or do community engagement activities to get Medical Assistance, unless they are American Indians or Alaska Natives or they meet another exception. Scan this code or check this webpage to learn more about the new work or community engagement requirements and the exceptions: <https://mn.gov/dhs/federalchanges/work-requirements/>.



Applicant Information

(We will use this to make sure the information on this form is applied to your case.)

FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	LAST NAME	SUFFIX
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)	MNsure ID (If you have one)		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		

Work or Community Engagement Exceptions

The following are exceptions to the work or community engagement requirements. **For each adult, select Yes or No for each exception. If you have more people to include, make copies of this page and attach them.**

	ADULT 1 NAME	ADULT 2 NAME
	First: <input type="text"/>	First: <input type="text"/>
	Middle: <input type="text"/>	Middle: <input type="text"/>
	Last: <input type="text"/> Suffix: <input type="text"/>	Last: <input type="text"/> Suffix: <input type="text"/>
1. American Indian or Alaska Native?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
2. Family caregiver of a disabled individual?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
3. Veteran with a disability rated as total?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
4. Living with a serious, complex, or chronic medical condition, or getting regular therapy or treatment (i.e., medically frail)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

Operations Information - MA Eligibility Changes for Noncitizens

Noncitizen Changes: Impacts to Enrollees

**Effective
10/01/26:**

- Noncitizen adult enrollees 21 or older who are not pregnant will no longer qualify for MA and MA subprograms unless they are:
 - Lawful Permanent Residents who have met or are exempt from the five-year bar
 - Compact of Free Association (COFA) Migrants
 - Cuban/Haitian Entrants
- Enrollees who no longer qualify for MA must have eligibility redetermined effective 10/01/2026

Eligibility Changes for Noncitizens: How will this work in METS?

- Informational notice will go out to impacted enrollees in June explaining legislative changes
- Noncitizen changes will deploy to METS after 10-day cutoff in August 2026
- Bulk reassessment of cases with impacted enrollees will occur a few days after deploy
 - MA will end effective 9/30/2026 for enrollees who are no longer qualified
 - If enrollee is eligible for another program, this will begin 10/1/2026

Operations Information - Work or Community Engagement Requirements for Adults Without Children

Community Engagement at Application: Gathering Information

Online application will populate work/community engagement questions at the end of the application for people whose answers indicate they are in the MA adults without children eligibility category.

- If an applicant indicates they met an exception to the work/community engagement requirements in the previous month, they must check off all exceptions that apply.
- If an applicant indicates they did not meet an exception in the previous month, they will be asked whether they completed a qualifying activity and must check off all activities that apply.

A question will be added to form DHS-6696 under Step 4 directing all people who self-identify as an Adult without Children to go to a new Appendix D to answer work/community engagement requirement questions.

- Appendix D will collect information about all exceptions and/or qualifying activities the applicant met in the previous month to be entered by the worker during application entry.

CE Questions in Application Entry

Additional Household Information

- Application Filing Date
- Getting Started
- Applicant Details
- Household Information
- Household Income
- Additional Household Information**
- Summary
- Signature

Additional Household Information

Print

Jessica Jeff

Community Engagement Questions

* Indicates a required field

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Did Jessica meet an exception to the federal work/community engagement requirement **last month**? *

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CE Questions in Application Entry (2)

Additional Household Information

Application Filing Date | Getting Started | Applicant Details | Household Information | Household Income | **Additional Household Information** | Summary | Signature

Additional Household Information

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Jessica | Jeff

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i Jessica may potentially meet the Medically Frail or Special Medical Needs exception based on response to questions about being blind or having a physical, mental or emotional health condition that limits their ability to perform daily activities.

Did Jessica meet an exception to the federal work/community engagement requirement **last month**? * Yes

Select all the reasons that apply

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Family Caregiver of Disabled Individual
- Veteran with a Total Disability Rating
- Medically Frail or Special Medical Needs
- On SNAP or MFIP and Subject to Work Requirements
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CE Questions in Application Entry (3)

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Getting Started

Applicant Details

Household Information

Household Income

Additional Household Information

Summary

Signature

Additional Household Information

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Did Jessica meet an exception to the federal work/community engagement requirement **last month**? *

No

Did Jessica complete a qualifying activity **last month**? *

--Please Select--

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CE Questions in Application Entry (4)

Additional Household Information

- Application Filing Date
- Getting Started
- Applicant Details
- Household Information
- Household Income
- Additional Household Information**
- Summary
- Signature

Additional Household Information

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Did Jessica meet an exception to the federal work/community engagement requirement **last month**? *

Did Jessica complete a qualifying activity **last month**? *

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CE Questions in Application Entry (5)

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Additional Household Information

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Operations Information - Six-Month Renewals for Adults Without Children

Six-Month Renewals for Adults Without Children: How will this work for METS?

- Six-month renewals for people in the adults without children eligibility category will mirror annual renewals
- METS will first attempt to renew the enrollee ex parte/auto renew using information from the case file and electronic sources.
 - Does enrollee continue to meet other eligibility criteria for MA under Adult Basis?
 - If no, Need to Renew.
 - If yes, look at Community Engagement evidence.
 - Community Engagement evidence: Did the enrollee attest to meeting an exception or qualifying activity?
 - If no, MA under the Adult basis is denied.
 - If yes, check for verification of Community Engagement attestation.
 - Does electronic source data in METS verify Community Engagement?
 - If yes, enrollee is renewed ex parte/auto renewed.
 - If no, new certification period created while vendor attempts verification. Vendor may contact consumer for paper verification.
 - Enrollees will be sent notice regardless of outcome.

Operations Information - Reduced Retroactive Coverage for MA

Reduced Retroactive Coverage

Effective January 1, 2027 Federal law reduces retroactive coverage from 3 months to 1–2 months, depending on enrollee category.

Before January 1, 2027	Starting January 1, 2027
All enrollees: Up to 3 months retroactive coverage	MA Adults without Children: 1 month retroactive coverage
	All other MA bases: Up to 2 months retroactive coverage

- Eligibility rules for retroactive MA do not change—only the coverage timeframe.

Timeline

June	Policy Bulletins to be issued
June	Renewal Date Lookup Tool Active for Work or Community Engagement Requirements
June	Partner Communications Toolkit
June	Webpage Updates
Week of June 15 th	One Time Mailer – Non-Citizen Updates
Week of June 22 nd	One Time Mailer - Work or Community Engagement Requirements
June - Mid	Renewal Fact Sheet For Work or Community Requirements finalized (added to all renewals beginning with January 2027 renewals)
June 29 th	DHS-6696 Application and METS Online Application updated with questions for Work or Community Engagement Requirements
July	Text Message – Work Rules or Community Engagement Requirements and Non-Citizen Mailer

Questions?

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