

Key Medi-Cal Changes: 2027 and Beyond



Note: Information subject to change June 2026.



January 2027

- Work requirements for **some adults 19-64**
- Six-month renewals for **some adults 19-64**
- Limited retroactive enrollment to one month

Work Requirements

Starting January 1, 2027, some Medi-Cal members will need to follow work rules. Members must show they met work, volunteer, school, or exemption requirements in the month before they apply for Medi-Cal.

Adults ages 19-64 must show they complete **80 hours of work each month**.

This can include:

- Earning at least \$580 per month from work, or
- Seasonal work:
 - Earning an average of \$580 per month over the past six months, or
 - Working an average of 80 hours per month over the past six months
- Volunteering or community service
- A work program
- A mix of these to reach 80 hours, or
- Being enrolled in school at least half-time

Six-Month Renewals

Starting January 1, 2027, some Medi-Cal members will need to renew their coverage every six months instead of once a year.

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will introduce a streamlined renewal form through [BenefitsCal.com](https://www.benefitscal.com) for the affected members required to renew.



July 2027

Monthly Premiums

Some adult immigrants will need to pay a monthly \$30 fee (called a premium) to keep their full-scope Medi-Cal.



October 2028

Copayments

Some adults ages 19-64 on Medi-Cal may have to pay a small fee (called a copayment) for certain services.

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Medi-Cal members will receive notices of changes and requirements by mail, text, or email. Members must keep contact information up to date to get important time-sensitive notices. Updates can be made with their local Department of Social Services (DSS) office or online at www.BenefitsCal.com.



Some people do not have to follow new work rules or six-month renewal requirements. To learn more about changes to Medi-Cal, scan this code with your smartphone's camera or visit: www.dhcs.ca.gov/Medi-Cal/Pages/changes.aspx

