

Stay Covered



H.R.1 Federal Work Requirements

Changes are coming to QUEST (Medicaid) health coverage in our community. Under the federal H.R.1 law signed by current legislation, new work and volunteer requirements will take effect starting January 1, 2027, for many adults between the ages of 19 and 64 who have QUEST (Medicaid) coverage.

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

More Frequent Checks: Eligibility renewals will now happen every 6 months instead of once a year.

New Activity Rules: To keep your health coverage, you will need to participate in work, school, or volunteer activities.

WHO DOES THIS AFFECT?

Impacted Group: Adults aged 19 to 64 who are not blind, disabled, or pregnant.

Exempt Group (not affected by activity rules): Children, seniors, pregnant persons, caregivers, or individuals who have a qualifying disability or medical condition.

H.R.1 WHAT QUEST (MEDICAID) MEMBERS NEED TO KNOW

HOW TO MEET THE NEW REQUIREMENTS

Time: Work or volunteer at least 80 hours per month. Can be a combination of work, volunteer, or caregiving.

Income: Earn a minimum of \$580 per month per household.

School: Be enrolled at least half-time in an educational program.

THE RENEWAL PROCESS

Automatic Checks: Med-QUEST will try to check your eligibility first using available electronic data.

Notification: Before your 2027 renewal, Med-QUEST will send a notice in the mail letting you know your eligibility and if action is required.

Next Steps: Med-QUEST will reach out to you if they need you to mail or upload physical proof.

QUEST (Medicaid) Members: Keep Your Information Up-to-Date

If your address or phone number is outdated, you might miss important notifications from Med-QUEST or your health plan. You can quickly update your details or register a new profile online in under five minutes by visiting the official Hawaii Med-QUEST portal at:

<https://medical.mybenefits.hawaii.gov/>



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