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HR-1: IMPORTANT DATES AND ACTIONS FOR PROVIDERS AND PATIENTS

HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR MEDICAID PATIENTS

- **Talk with patients about the changes and key dates.**
- **Encourage patients to keep their contact information up to date.**
- **Help identify patients who may be at risk of losing coverage.**
- **Connect patients to resources for more information and support.**

FOR PATIENTS

Medicaid Changes & FAQs

Scan the QR code or visit:
www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/medicaid/faq-medicaid-changes

FOR PROVIDERS

DHS Medicaid Toolkit

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MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY CHANGES FOR SOME IMMIGRANTS

- Federal Medicaid funding will generally be limited to U.S. citizens and nationals, lawful permanent residents (green-card holders), Cuban/Haitian entrants, and people lawfully residing in the U.S. under the Compacts of Free Association.
- This is a narrower than previous law and means some people who were eligible, including certain refugees and asylees, may lose full Medicaid eligibility.
- **Emergency** Medicaid remains available, and separate rules continue to allow coverage of lawfully residing children and pregnant women.

JANUARY 1, 2027

MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY WILL BE REVIEWED MORE OFTEN

- Pennsylvanians covered through Medicaid expansion will have their eligibility reviewed every six months instead of every 12 months.
- Encourage your patients to update their contact information and respond to renewal notices to avoid a gap in coverage.

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NEW WORK & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

- Many adults ages 19 to 64 covered through Medicaid expansion will need to complete 80 hours per month of qualifying activities, such as work, education, job training or community service.
- **Important exemptions include:** people who are pregnant or postpartum, certain parents and caregivers, people who are medically frail or have certain disabilities, and several other groups.

Provider reminder: Verify eligibility at every visit. The patient's eligibility, scope of coverage, HealthChoices enrollment, or other insurance information may have changed since the last appointment.

WHY THIS MATTERS:

An ACCESS card alone does not confirm current Medicaid eligibility. Eligibility can change. Use EVS on the date of service to confirm coverage and identify the patient's HealthChoices plan.

IF EVS SHOWS THE PATIENT IS NOT ELIGIBLE

Do not rely on the ACCESS card or simply assume the patient has permanently lost Medicaid. Encourage the patient to review notices from DHS, respond promptly to requests for information, and use the Medicaid Changes & FAQs resource above to understand eligibility changes and next steps.

PROMISe Provider Portal
promise.dhs.pa.gov/portal/provider/Home/tabid/135/Default.aspx

Telephone EVS:
1-800-766-5387