

When Will Changes to Medicaid Start?

KEY DATE	WHAT TO EXPECT
By September 1, 2026...	If work requirements for Medicaid coverage apply to you, NY State of Health will send you a notice by mail (or email if you chose electronic notices) about upcoming Medicaid changes. This notice will explain what to expect and what you may need to do in the future, including how to meet the requirements. If you do not receive a notice, the requirements may not apply to you. Nothing is changing with your coverage at this time. You just need to keep your contact information up to date with NY State of Health.
Starting on October 1, 2026...	Some adults may no longer qualify for Medicaid due to changes in eligibility rules based on immigration status. If this affects you, NY State of Health will send you a notice letting you know that your status has changed. The state will work to determine what coverage you are newly eligible for.
Starting on January 1, 2027...	Some adults ages 19–64 will have new work requirements for Medicaid coverage. These requirements will be reviewed when you apply or renew your coverage on or after this date. At that time, you may need to show that you are or have been working, in school, in job training, or volunteering. Some people may not need to meet these requirements based on their situation (for example, health conditions or caregiving responsibilities). Review the “What’s New?” section on this page for more information.
Starting on January 1, 2027...	Some adults ages 19–64 will need to renew their Medicaid every 6 months instead of once a year. If you apply for Medicaid before January 1, 2027, or renew before March 1, 2027, you will get 12 months of coverage if you are eligible. After that, you will renew every 6 months. If you apply for Medicaid after January 1, 2027, or renew after March 1, 2027, you will renew every 6 months if you still qualify.