

How You Can Help Your Patients Stay Covered with Changes to Medicaid

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The federal government has passed a new law that requires changes to Medicaid programs all across the country. The State of Rhode Island is working to implement these changes over time. These changes may impact your patients and it's important for you to know so you can help them keep their Medicaid coverage.

New federal Medicaid requirements are being implemented nationwide, and Rhode Island is actively preparing for these changes. Some of your patients may be affected, and your support can play an important role in helping them understand these changes and maintain their Medicaid coverage.

There are certain medical exemptions that may apply to your patients. In those cases, you may be asked to provide some information so they can keep their coverage. For the full list of exemptions, please visit the [Stay Covered website](#).

What are the changes to Medicaid?

Effective Date	Change
October 1, 2026	Changes to Medicaid eligibility for some non-citizens
January 1, 2027	Work requirements for certain adult Medicaid members
January 1, 2027	Six-month renewals for certain adult Medicaid members
January 1, 2027	Changes to retroactive Medicaid coverage for past medical bills

Why is it important for my patients to keep their information updated?

If they are impacted by any of the changes happening to Medicaid, they will be notified by the State of Rhode Island. There are a few ways that the State could contact them:

- By mail
- By email
- By text message
- By notifications to your HealthyRhode account

Keeping their mailing address, phone number, and email address up to date in their HealthyRhode account will ensure that they receive important notices, avoid missing deadlines, and stay informed about any actions needed to keep their coverage.

Where can my patients go for more information or resources?

Neighborhood is committed to keeping your patients covered. For the latest updates, please visit:

- <https://www.nhpri.org/stay-covered>
- <https://staycovered.ri.gov/updates>