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Federal Law Forcing Changes To Medicaid

By State Rep. Tarah Probst

If you or someone in your family receives Medicaid (also known as Medical Assistance), it's important to know that significant changes are coming beginning in 2027 because of a new federal law enacted, commonly known as the "Big Beautiful Bill," by Congress and signed by President Trump. Some Medicaid recipients will be required to renew their coverage every six months instead of once a year, and certain adults ages 19 to 64 will also need to meet new work or community engagement requirements to remain eligible for benefits.

Beginning January 1, individuals subject to the new requirements must report to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services that they are working, volunteering, participating in job training, or attending school for at least 80 hours each month, unless they qualify for an exemption. Some parents, caregivers, pregnant individuals, veterans with qualifying disabilities, people with certain medical conditions, and others may be exempt. Those affected by the new rules will begin receiving information from DHS by September. Failing to report the required information could result in the loss of Medicaid coverage.

If you receive Medicaid, now is a good time to make sure your mailing address and contact information are up to date with DHS so you don't miss important notices about these changes. For more information about the new Medicaid requirements, go here https://go.sparkpostmail.com/fl/a/qN6diwnpSDm4JcreydJqUg~/AAS2yhA~/1DqxJ3SJ6tawDJKqgxHPqII52ISDPu1LXdmb7PS8Zv386RxTNpVIK-AmOW3GOn7EbBZ1OfP_B8HJDQJjk0VUFA00K7-cGRMZOTY8ztLid2Z0LBd4a5X5rpuZdIHsvdWFhfhfQYNZ3PzYpAJUwWJhknVcYHCBqhfk-Qw-OLrz7GwQ~

If you have questions about how the new federal law may affect your coverage or need assistance understanding the new requirements, please contact my office.




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Disaster Loan Outreach Center opened to assist businesses

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- Loans can help cover operating expenses such as fixed debts, rent, utilities, and other costs.
- A **Disaster Loan Outreach Center** is open at the **Schooner Municipal Building, 147 Municipal Drive, East Stroudsburg**, to help local businesses and organizations learn more about available assistance and apply for support
 - The center is open **Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.** and **Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** through Friday, Aug. 21.



For more information or to apply, call **1-800-659-2955** or visit **sba.gov**

Reference Pennsylvania Disaster Number PA-20039.