

# WHAT HAS CHANGED WITH Medicaid

An infographic to demystify recent changes to Medicaid and what that may mean for Minnesotans.

## WHAT IS MEDICAID?

Medicaid is a federal health insurance program. In Minnesota, it is called **Medical Assistance (MA)**.

MinnesotaCare also provides health insurance for Minnesotans, but it is not part of Medicaid. This is also called MnSure.



**MA** serves children and families, pregnant women, adults without children, seniors and people who are blind or have a disability who are low income.



**1 in 4 Minnesotans utilize MA or MinnesotaCare.** 15% are people with a disability and/or 65+, 42% are children

## (SOME) UPCOMING CHANGES

Change in eligibility for some immigrants

**What:** Only certain lawful permanent residents, Cuban and Haitian entrants, and Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrants will be eligible.

**When:** Oct. 1, 2026

**Impacted:** People who would lose health coverage due to the new definition include adults over 21 who are refugees, humanitarian parolees, asylum grantees, certain abused spouses and children, and victims of human trafficking

### Housing Stabilization Services (State Change)

HSS will end on October 31, 2025, due to fraud. There are plans for it to be redesigned.

This change **does not apply** to the Housing Support program (formerly known as Group Residential Housing or GRH), which is a financial resource for adults with low incomes who have a qualifying disability or are 65 or older.

Six-month Medicaid/MA eligibility renewals

**What:** Requires states to verify Medicaid eligibility (renewals) every six months for low-income adults, rather than every 12 months. This does not apply to Tribal members and people living in U.S. territories

**When:** Dec. 31, 2026

**Impacted:** Low-income adults in the expansion population

### Who will not be affected?

Most MA enrollees will not be impacted by these changes if they:

- Get coverage based on a disability
- Are 65 or older
- Are 20 or younger
- Are pregnant

## RESOURCES & NEXT STEPS



At this time, no changes to Federal Medicaid/MA have gone into effect.

### Minnesota DHS recommends:

- Make sure they have your current contact information.
- Watch your mail for an envelope with a blue circle when it's time to renew and complete your renewal right away.
- Visit [mnrenewallookup.com](https://mnrenewallookup.com) for details about your coverage.
- Check <https://mn.gov/dhs/federalchanges/> and watch for other communications from DHS.

**MNSure:** 651-297-3862 OR Toll-free line 800-657-3672  
**MN DHS:** 651-431-2670 OR Toll-free line 800-657-3739  
**MN DHS No English:** 651-431-2000

It is always recommended to contact your local county office for questions first. If you need help with this or additional information, feel free to contact PossAbilities at **507-281-6116**.

Please reach out with questions; changes are being monitored as they occur.