

MEDICAID MEMBERS

American Indians

Medicaid rules are changing January 1, 2027. If you are American Indian (a broad definition, including individuals who are eligible to receive services at Indian Health Services facilities), **you are exempt from work or activity rules and the 6-month renewal requirement.**

>> Work or Activity Rules

If you have self-attested to being American Indian, **you are exempt from all work or activity rules.** This exemption also applies if you identify with multiple races that include American Indian.

- No proof of American Indian blood is required.
- The exemption is based solely on your self-attestation of being American Indian.
- You are also **exempt from the 6-month renewal requirement.** Your Medicaid coverage will continue to renew every 12 months.
- If you did not identify as American Indian at application, contact HCA to update your information.

>> Retroactive Medicaid

If you're American Indian and enrolled under Other Adult Medicaid, your retroactive coverage is limited to one month of Medicaid coverage for periods that begin on or after **January 1, 2027.**

For More Information

 Visit **HCA.NM.GOV/KeepYourBenefitsNM** Chat online at **YES.NM.GOV** Call **1-800-283-4465** Visit a **local HCA Income Support Division office**