

MEDICAID MEMBERS

Veterans

Medicaid rules are changing January 1, 2027. If you are a veteran on Medicaid, you may be affected.

» Work or Activity Rules

Starting January 1, 2027, if you are ages 19-64 and enrolled in Adult Medicaid, you may need to complete 80 work or activity hours in any one month during your renewal period or in the month prior to application. You will renew your coverage every 6 months.

- Approved activities may include working, volunteering, going to job training or an approved work program, and going to school at least half-time.
- **You can combine any of these activities to reach your 80 hours in a month.**
Visit HCA.NM.GOV/medicaidchanges to see a full list of approved activities.

» Veteran Disability Exemptions

You may qualify for an exemption from work or activity rules under the following conditions:

VA Disability Rating

- If you have a **100% VA-rated disability, either permanent or temporary**, you may qualify for an exemption. Temporary disabilities must be reconfirmed every 12 months.
- If you receive a **100% VA compensation**, you may qualify for an exemption. This exemption must be reconfirmed every 12 months.

Work-Limiting Disabilities

- If you have a disability that prevents you from working entirely, you may qualify for an exemption.
- If you receive **Total Disability Based on Individual Unemployability (TDIU)**, you may qualify for an exemption.
- Verification is required to confirm that the disability prevents all work activity.
- You must provide a **VA Benefit Summary Letter (or VA Award Letter)** as proof of your disability.

» Retroactive Medicaid Coverage

- If you are enrolled under Adult Medicaid, you may be eligible for **one month** of retroactive Medicaid coverage when applying 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**