Department *of* Health & Human Services
Integrated Healthcare

H.R. 1 community engagement requirement: exclusions and exceptions

Excluded individuals

You do not have to participate in the community engagement requirements if you meet any of the criteria below. The state will check your eligibility for this exclusion during the month you apply for or renew your Medicaid coverage.

You are excluded if you are:

- Medically frail or have special needs, including:
  - Blindness or a disability.
  - A substance use disorder or mental health condition.
  - A condition that makes it hard to do daily tasks.
- A parent, guardian, or caregiver for a child age 13 or younger, or for a person with a disability.
- A veteran with a 100% disability.
- Subject to work requirements on the SNAP or TANF programs.
- American Indian or Alaska Native.
- In foster care (or were in the past).
- Pregnant or receiving postpartum Medicaid.

Applicable individuals

These rules apply to you if you are in:

- Adult Expansion Medicaid
- Targeted Adult Medicaid (TAM)

The state will check your eligibility during the lookback months.

New members - We look at your activities the month before you applied.

Current members - We look at your activities from your last renewal or approval until now.

Exceptions: These are specific situations where you do not have to do the community engagement requirements. These exceptions are grouped into two categories - mandatory and optional short-term hardships.

Mandatory exceptions:

You meet a mandatory exception if you are:

- Under age 19.
- On Medicare and have Part A or Part B health insurance.
- Described in a mandatory eligibility group. These are standard Medicaid groups that the state must cover by law, like low-income parents or individuals getting SSI.
- Incarcerated or recently released from jail within the last 90 days.
- Specified excluded individuals. This applies if you meet the rules to be in an excluded group during a past month the state is reviewing.

Qualifying activities: You must show that you are **doing one or a combination of these things for 80 hours during each month of your lookback period:**

- Working a job.
- Volunteering or community service.
- Going to school (at least half-time).
- Earning an income of at least $580/month (or for seasonal workers, an average $580/month income over a six-month period).

	Optional short-term hardships: You may qualify for an optional short-term hardship if you are: ● Receiving inpatient or institutional care.* ● Traveling outside of your community for medical care for yourself or a dependent.* ● Living in a county with a federal emergency or disaster declaration. ● Living in a county with high local unemployment. ***** You must request an exception.	