Changes Are Coming — Don’t Risk Losing Your Coverage

New rules from the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) will change Medicaid eligibility, renewal requirements, and how often you must confirm your information. Staying informed and taking action will help you keep your benefits.

What’s Changing

Work or community engagement: Starting January 1, 2027, Medicaid (HUSKY) enrollees aged 19–64 must complete at least 80 hours a month of work, community service, school, job training, or other qualifying activities to maintain coverage unless they qualify for an exemption.

New copays: By 2028, enrollees may face up to $35 copay per visit, capped annually at 5% of household income. Some services will still remain copay-free.

More frequent and stricter checks for HUSKY (Medicaid) and Access Health CT (ACA Marketplace) coverage: You may need to complete a redetermination which includes confirming your income and household information more often—possibly **twice a year**. If you use Marketplace coverage, you may be asked to re-verify information before enrolling. Premium tax credits and marketplace subsidies have decreased, which has raised Marketplace premium costs in **2026**.

What You Should Do to Keep Your Coverage

Update your information every year: Make sure Medicaid/HUSKY has your up-to-date address, email and phone number so you don’t miss any important communication. You must update income, immigration status, and other details potentially every 6 months. Coverage isn't automatic anymore.

Track and document your work or community hours each month: You’ll need to provide proof of these hours if you're between ages 19–64 (unless exempt) for your eligibility check. Keep documentation such as paystubs, timesheets, school/job- training attendance, and community service records.

Watch for renewal notices: Open and read ALL mail from DSS. Expect more frequent eligibility checks (potentially twice yearly) and respond immediately to requests from DSS. **Missing a deadline can cause loss of coverage.**

Stay Informed and Ask for Help:

If you have questions or need help,
visit **CT.gov/DSS** or call **1-855-626-6632 (TTY 1-800-842-4524)**.

This flyer is for general guidance. For the most current information, contact DSS directly.