

Federal Medicaid Work* Requirement:

➔ Who is exempt?

*Other activities may count, too, like having an internship, volunteering, going to school, or getting more than a certain amount of income.

This takes effect January 1, 2027, but does not apply to current members until their next renewal starting March 2027.



As a reminder, the federal Medicaid work requirement only applies to you if you are a BadgerCare Plus member between 19 and 64 who is not pregnant and doesn't have a dependent child living with you at least 40% of the time.

Even if the requirement applies to you, there are many reasons why you might not need to meet it. Those are called exemptions.



You do not need to meet the work requirement if:

- ❌ You are a member of an American Indian Tribe or an Alaska Native, or are the child or grandchild of Tribal member.
- ❌ You have a disability determination from the Social Security Administration.
- ❌ You are a veteran with a total (100%) disability rating.
- ❌ You have a serious or complex medical condition.
- ❌ You have a chronic substance use disorder.
- ❌ You have a disabling mental disorder.
- ❌ You have a physical, intellectual, or developmental disability that significantly impairs your ability to perform one or more activities of daily living.
- ❌ You are enrolled in a Medicaid long-term care program (IRIS, Family Care, Family Care Partnership, PACE).
- ❌ You are the caregiver of a child under age 14.
- ❌ You are the caregiver of someone who has a disability.
- ❌ You are in a qualifying drug addiction or alcoholic treatment and rehabilitation programs.
- ❌ You are currently in prison or jail, or were in prison or jail in the past three months.
- ❌ You are enrolled in FoodShare and not exempt from FoodShare work requirements.
- ❌ You are complying with the Wisconsin Works (W-2) work requirements.
- ❌ You have a qualifying short-term hardship situation, such as a hospital stay or needing to travel outside of your community for an extended period of time for medical care.



More information



To learn more about exemptions, visit dhs.wi.gov/medicaid/work.htm or scan the QR code with your phone.

