

Federal Medicaid Work* Requirement:

➔ How to meet it

*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 only need to meet the work requirement in a single month

For **current members**, at your renewal, we will look back and see if you met the work requirement in one month since you were last approved for coverage. In most cases, this will be in the last 12 months.

For **new applicants**, we will look at the month before you apply to see if you were meeting the work requirement.



You are meeting the work requirement if you:

- Do one or more of these qualifying activities for 80 hours or more in a single month:
 - Working, including self-employment, unpaid work, and getting goods and services in exchange for work (in-kind)
 - Volunteering
 - Participating in a work program that assists with learning new skills and supporting career development
- Go to or attend school or an educational program at least half-time in a single month.
 - If you attend less than half-time, you can combine the hours you are in school with the other qualifying activities.
- Get at least \$580 in income in a single month.



More information

For more information about ways to meet the work requirement, who needs to meet the work requirement, and exemptions, visit dhs.wi.gov/medicaid/work.htm or scan the QR code with your phone.

