

# Federal Medicaid Work Requirement

➔ Info for Tribal members

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

## What does the work requirement mean for Tribal members?

The federal government is introducing a new Medicaid work requirement, which certain BadgerCare Plus members must meet starting in 2027.

### **Tribal members are exempt from the federal Medicaid work requirement.**

This means that you do not need to meet the work requirement if you are a member of a Tribe or are the child or grandchild (first or second degree) of a Tribal member.

### **When the work requirement starts, you will be asked about your Tribal status when you apply for or renew your health care coverage through BadgerCare Plus.**

If you tell us that you are a Tribal member or the child or grandchild (first or second degree) of a Tribal member, you will be exempt from the work requirement. This will be kept on file and you won't have to report it again.

### **If we do not have your Tribal status on file, you will get a letter before your renewal telling you that you need to meet the work requirement.**

If you get this letter, call your local or Tribal agency as soon as possible to let them know that you are a Tribal member or are the child or grandchild (first or second degree) of a Tribal member.

## Some important things to keep in mind:

- You do not need to be a member of a **federally recognized Tribe** to be exempt.
- In most cases, when this policy starts, you can report your Tribal status and don't need to provide documentation.
- If your spouse is not a Tribal member, the exemption will not apply to them. But, there could be other exemptions that apply to them.

## More information



For more information about the work requirement, visit [dhs.wi.gov/medicaid/work.htm](https://dhs.wi.gov/medicaid/work.htm) or scan the QR code with your phone.



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