Federal Medicaid Work Requirement:

⇨ Key information for caregivers

The new federal work requirement only applies to some Medicaid members enrolled in BadgerCare Plus.

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

For the work requirement, caregivers are considered a different group than parents and caretaker relatives. If you are the parent or caretaker relative of a dependent child under age 19 who lives with you at least 40 percent of the time, **you don't have to meet the work requirement.** You can find more information on the work requirement flyer for parents (dhs.wi.gov/publications/p03809d.pdf).

If you are the caregiver of a child under age 14 or the caregiver of someone of any age who has a disability, it is important that you report that because you may not need to meet the work requirement.

Am I a caregiver?

Under federal policy, you are considered a caregiver and do not need to meet the work requirement if any of these apply to you:

- You live with the child or person with a disability and provide care on a regular basis.
- You are related to the child or person with a disability and provide care on a regular basis, but you do not live with them.
- You are not related to the child or person with a disability and do not live with them, but you provide at least 80 hours of care in a month.

How do I report that I'm a caregiver?

To tell us that you are a caregiver, you can either:

- Contact your local agency. Visit dhs.wi.gov/im-agency to find your agency.
- Sign in to ACCESS through ACCESS.wi.gov and go to "Report a change" from your homepage.

Once you tell us that you are a caregiver, we may ask you for more information about how you provide care.

More information

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

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