

Dear Medicaid member,

This letter has important news about your health insurance. A new federal law (H.R. 1 or the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, 2025) has changed the rules for who can receive Medicaid. These changes do not start until October, but we wanted to let you know now. **You do not have to do anything yet.**

What is changing?

The law changed the rules for people who are not U.S. citizens. Most people must have a certain legal status to be eligible for Medicaid as a qualified immigrant. We are currently reviewing the new federal law to understand how it impacts Medicaid members. Here is what we know now.

Starting **October 1, 2026**, Medicaid will mostly be for:

- **U.S. citizens and U.S. nationals**
- **Green card holders** (Lawful Permanent Residents) who have been in the U.S. for 5 years or more
- **People from Cuba or Haiti** who entered under special rules
- **COFA migrants** (citizens of the Marshall Islands, Micronesia, or Palau)

Who is affected?

Some groups that used to be eligible for Medicaid may not be able to get it anymore under the new law. This includes refugees and asylees, humanitarian parolees, and survivors of trafficking or domestic violence.

- **If you are a U.S. citizen:** This does **not** change your health insurance.
- **If you are a child or are pregnant:** You may still be able to get health insurance even if the rules for others have changed.

What do I need to do?

While some eligibility rules for non-citizens will change in the fall of 2026, **most members do not need to take any action today.**

If these changes affect you, we will send you a letter by October 1, 2026. Watch your mail or email for more letters from the Department of Workforce Services (DWS). We might need more information to make sure you can still get health insurance. If we do, we will mail you a letter and let you know.

If you are worried about losing your Medicaid coverage in the future, you may want to schedule a doctor's appointment soon. You may also want to refill your prescriptions before October 2026. This will help you get the care and medicine you need while you still have coverage.

What if I have more questions?

Wait for a personalized letter. Remember, you do not need to take action today. We are currently reviewing every case. If your coverage is changing, we will send you a personalized letter with instructions and information on how to appeal the decision, if you disagree.

Visit the Medicaid webpage. The fastest way to get answers is to visit medicaid.utah.gov/obbba. There you will find a list of "Frequently Asked Questions" about the new law (H.R.1) and what it means for different immigration statuses.

Sincerely,

Utah Medicaid