



Targeted Adult Medicaid (TAM) Closure

Effective July 2027

Background

- Before Utah adopted a full adult expansion model, the **Targeted Adult Medicaid (TAM)** program was created as a Utah-specific solution to reduce the uninsured rate.
- The program was designed for adults without dependent children earning up to 5% of the federal poverty level (FPL) who are:
 - Chronically homeless
 - Justice-involved (probation/parole/court-ordered) and needing treatment
 - Needing substance abuse or mental health treatment
- It was enacted by HB 437 (2016) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved, including TAM into the 1115 Waiver, on November 1, 2017.
- TAM has relied upon CMS approval of 12 months of continuous eligibility, which was the primary distinction between TAM and Adult Expansion Medicaid. All other coverage benefits for TAM are identical to the benefits through the Adult Expansion Medicaid program.

TAM changes

Because CMS will no longer approve continuous eligibility for this population, Utah must end TAM on June 30, 2027. Members will be transitioned to Adult Expansion Medicaid or another Medicaid program they qualify for.

Federal policy shift timeline:

- H.R.1 (passed July 4, 2025) enacted a community engagement (CE) requirement, effective January 1, 2027.
- CMS guidance (July 17, 2025) [announced](#) that continuous eligibility provisions under the 1115 Waiver will not be renewed.
- CMS issued a Utah-specific letter (May 1, 2026) reiterating they will not approve the continuous eligibility authority that TAM has relied on.



- With these constraints, Utah has decided to end TAM on June 30, 2027, when the current 1115 Waiver expires.

Impact on members

- Through the end of the TAM demonstration on June 30, 2027, enrolled members will keep their 12-month continuous eligibility and review periods. Once continuous eligibility ends on June 30, 2027, members who transition to Adult Expansion will move to a 6-month renewal cadence at their next scheduled review.
- Members currently enrolled in TAM will be transitioned to the Adult Expansion program or another Medicaid program they qualify for. They will be notified of this change.
- If they are eligible for Adult Expansion, they may be enrolled in a managed care health plan of their choice. See the [Adult Medicaid Expansion](#) website for more information.
- DHHS is committed to providing a seamless transition and supportive resources for current TAM members. Information can be found on the [H.R. 1 website](#) and [Member Supports website](#).
- Medical benefits will remain the same in the Adult Expansion program.
- TAM and Adult Expansion are subject to the community engagement requirements.

TAM enrollment

- As of September 2026, there are 6,900 individuals enrolled in TAM.