

# Medicaid update for American Indian/Alaska Native: Need tribal verification



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## Important Medicaid Alert

Starting January 1, 2027, a new federal law, H.R. 1 or the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), says certain adults must work or do community activities for 80 hours each month to keep their Medicaid. Some adults will also be required to complete an eligibility review (renewal) every 6 months, instead of every 12 months.

**If you are American Indian or Alaska Native (AI/AN) with a verified tribal status, you are exempt from these changes.** If your status as AI/AN has not been verified, you may have to complete the work requirement each month to keep your Medicaid.

### How to get your exemption:

You must turn in your tribal verification by January 1, 2027 to be exempt from this new rule. Send DWS a copy of one of these items for each person in your home who is a tribal member:

- **Tribal ID card:** Your tribal identification/enrollment card or number.
- **CIS paper:** A "Certificate of Indian Blood" signed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).
- **IHS Face Sheet:** A medical record certified by IHS as being from their original records. It must show your name and date of birth.
- **Tribal court document:** A tribal court document containing identifying information, such as name and the date of birth.
- **Descendent:** Any of the above documents showing tribal membership through a parent or grandparent. You must provide a birth certificate or court document that shows how you are related to them.

### Where to send your verification:

Write your name and case number on every page you turn in. You can send your papers by:

**Mail:** Department of Workforce Services  
Imaging Operations  
P.O. Box 143245  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-3245

**Fax:** Toll-Free: 1-877-313-4717  
Local: 801-526-9500

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