

# Federal Changes to NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid

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<https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/dmahs/obbba/medicaid-federal-changes.shtml>

The federal government has changed the rules around who is eligible for NJ FamilyCare starting Fall 2026. These rule changes are part of the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act” that was signed into law by President Trump in July 2025. These new rules do not apply to everyone. The following information explains which members may be affected and how they can prepare.

What rules are changing & when?

## **Beginning October 1, 2026:**

- Some non-citizen immigrants may no longer qualify for NJ FamilyCare.
  - Refugees
  - Asylees
  - Humanitarian parolees
  - Victims of domestic violence or human trafficking
- Non-citizens who may continue to qualify for NJ Family Care.
  - Lawful Permanent Residents of at least 5 years (calculated from date on green card)
  - Note: Some Lawful Permanent Residents may not be subject to the 5-year wait — please see more details below.
  - Cuban/Haitian Entrants
  - Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrants
  - Children under 19
  - Lawfully present non-citizens who are:
    - Pregnant, or
    - Under the age of 21

## **Beginning January 1, 2027:**

- Certain adults aged 19 to 64 will have to work, volunteer, or go to school to keep their coverage or qualify for NJ FamilyCare. This is called “community engagement.” These members must also renew their coverage every 6 months (instead of every 12 months).
- Other adults aged 19 to 64 may be exempt from the requirement to work, volunteer, or go to school, but they may still have to renew their coverage every 6 months.