

Native Americans

MEDICAID MEMBERS

Medicaid rules are changing January 1, 2027. If you are Native American (a broad definition, including individuals who are eligible to receive services at Indian Health Services facilities), **you are exempt from work or activity rules and the 6-month renewal requirement.**

>> Work or Activity Rules

If you have self-attested to being Native American, **you are exempt from all work or activity rules.** This exemption also applies if you identify with multiple races that include Native American.

- No proof of Native American blood is required.
- The exemption is based solely on your self-attestation of being Native American.
- You are also **exempt from the 6-month renewal requirement.** Your Medicaid coverage will continue to renew every 12 months.
- If you did not identify as Native American at application, contact HCA to update your information.

>> Retroactive Medicaid

If you're Native American and enrolled under Other Adult Medicaid, your retroactive coverage is limited to one month of Medicaid coverage for periods that begin on or after **January 1, 2027.**

SNAP CUSTOMERS

SNAP rules changed on January 1, 2026. **Native Americans are exempt from SNAP work or activity rules that went into effect on that date.**

The new work or activity rules apply to non-Native Americans ages 19-64 for Medicaid and ages 18-64 for SNAP, unless they have another exemption or exception.

For More Information

 Visit **HCA.NM.GOV/KeepYourBenefitsNM**

 Chat online at **YES.NM.GOV**

 Call **1-800-283-4465**

 Visit a **local HCA Income Support Division office**