

Medicaid Update

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H.R.1 Overview



Checks and restrictions on eligibility & enrollment

Additional requirements around work and immigration status that limits eligibility for Medicaid and creates changes to the Marketplace



Reductions in federal funding

Regulatory changes that limit federal funding to support programs for certain expenses and cost-sharing requirements



Changes to existing program financing mechanisms

H.R.1 restricts how states use waiver authority to finance Medicaid services or how states raise revenue

H.R.1 Overview: Priority Focus Areas

Work & Community Engagement Requirements
Medicaid expansion adults ages 19–64 will need to work or participate in approved activities or qualify for an exemption to stay covered

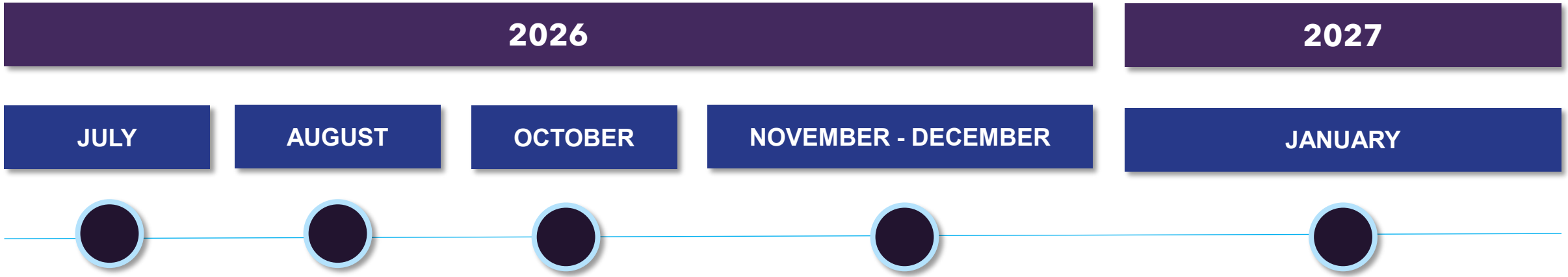
2x/Year Renewals for Expansion Adults
Medicaid expansion adults ages 19–64 will have Medicaid renewals every six months

Shorter Retroactive Coverage
Most Medicaid expansion adults will receive one month of retroactive coverage. Other populations will receive two months

Change in Immigrant Eligibility
Certain lawfully present adults will no longer qualify for federally funded Medicaid, even if their income stays the same

De-duping Enrollment via Address Verification
Members will be disenrolled from Medicaid in the state(s) in which they do not reside

H.R.1 Overview: Key Dates



EP Coverage End
Reversion to 1331 Basic Health Plan

Initial W&CE Notices
Issued August 31 to expansion group for Jan. 1, 2027

Immigrant Eligibility Restrictions In Medicaid
October 1

Prepare for Plan Year 2027 Expansion Policy Changes

- Shorten OE Period
- CE Requirements
- 6-Month Redeterminations
- Reduced Retroactive Coverage
- Legacy System Migration

Work & Community Engagement

- Requirements begin

Work Requirements for Medicaid

The requirement can be fulfilled through one of these options:

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Earn a household income of at least

$580

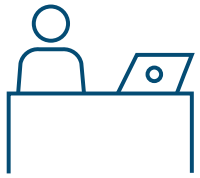
in a month or be a seasonal worker with a 6-month average income ≥ $580

B

Complete

80 hours

of any combination of these approved activities in a month:



Work - *traditional or self-employment*



Participation in community service



Participation in a work/job training program



Active enrollment in an educational program

(must be enrolled at least half-time if using education as a standalone activity)

C

Earn income AND complete hours of the approved activities

Convert income to hours using the federal minimum wage to determine how many hours of approved activities are needed to reach 80 total

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Work Requirements for Medicaid Coverage Exemptions

Exemption categories are mostly unchanged, with more clarity and specificity around short-term hardship exemptions and medical frailty.

- Under age 19; over 64
- Former foster care children
- American Indians and Alaska Natives
- Parent, guardian, caretaker relative, or family caregiver of a dependent child age 13 or under
- Parent, guardian, caretaker relative, or family caregiver of a disabled individual
- Veteran with a total disability rating
- Medically frail or otherwise has special medical needs
- Compliant with TANF work requirements
- Member of a SNAP household and not exempt from SNAP work requirements
- Participant in a qualifying drug addiction or alcoholic treatment and rehabilitation program
- Inmate of a public institution at any point during the 3-month period ending on the first day of the month
- Pregnant or entitled to postpartum medical assistance
- Entitled to or enrolled in Medicare Part A, or enrolled in Medicare Part B

Work Requirements for Medicaid Member Impact Timing

New applicants

Starting January 1, 2027, new applicants must show compliance with the new requirements for **the month immediately before they apply**

Someone applying in February 2027 must show compliance in January 2027

Existing applicants

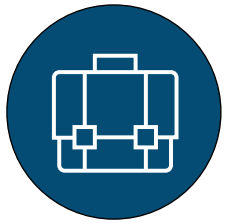
Starting with renewal dates on March 1, 2027, onwards, existing Medicaid members must show **compliance with the new requirements at renewal**

- Renewals for January and February 2027 are initiated in 2026, so these members do not need to comply with CE until their next renewal

A member renewing in March 2027 must demonstrate compliance for at least one month prior to their renewal

Short-Term Hardship Exemptions: Additional Guidance Needed

The State is intending to pursue all short-term hardship exemption; however, more implementation information is required from CMS.



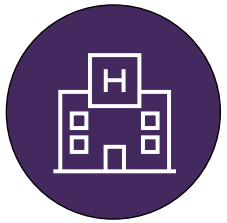
High-unemployment area

Individual resides in a county, or equivalent unit of local government, with an unemployment rate at or above the lesser of 8 percent or 1.5 times the national unemployment rate



Declared emergency / disaster area

Individual resides in a county, or equivalent local government unit, with a presidentially declared emergency or disaster



Institutional / high-acuity care

Individual receives inpatient hospital, nursing facility, ICF/IID, inpatient psychiatric, or similar-acuity services, including related outpatient care as determined appropriate by the Secretary



Extended travel for health care

Individual or dependent must travel outside the community for an extended period to receive necessary services for a serious or complex medical condition not available locally

Retroactive Coverage Changes - Effective January 1, 2027

Pre-H.R.1:

- States provide Medicaid coverage for qualified medical expenses incurred **up to 90 days prior to the date of application**

New rules under H.R.1:

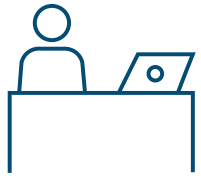
- For expansion adults, retroactive coverage is **only one-month prior to application**
- For all other eligibility groups (e.g., children, aged, disabled, pregnant), retroactive coverage is **two-months prior to application**

Work Requirements Overview: Qualifying Activities

Many individuals will need to take action to maintain their coverage but will need clarity

- **What counts as a qualifying activity**
- **Where to find one to complete**

- Members may not know where to find the answers to these questions
- The State and its partners can assist with the many steps to go from understanding working requirements to taking action to keep coverage.



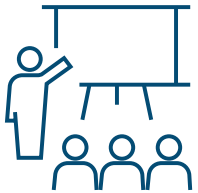
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Work Requirements: Qualifying Activities

	UNDERSTAND WHAT APPLIES	FIND A WAY TO COMPLY	COMPLETE & CONFIRM
PARTNER ROLE	• **Explain official communications** • **Help determine how to keep coverage**	• **Help find a qualifying activity** • **Refer to organizations who can assist**	• **Help track hours and participation in activities** • **Assist with submitting documentation**
STATE SUPPORT	• Send official notices and text messages • Offer resources to learn about work requirements	• Create resources with qualifying activities • Provide guides for assisting members	• Use existing data to verify compliance • Finalize process for tracking referrals to activities

Shared goal: Give consumers timely, practical help before their Medicaid coverage is at risk

Work Requirements: Qualifying Activities Key Takeaways

1. **Mobilize partner network:** Bring together the organizations members already turn to for sharing and coordinating resources

2. **Equip partners to help members:** Give assistors, partners, and the customer service center tools to support members through next steps

3. **Make qualifying activities easier to find for members and partners:** Update “Stay Covered” page and H.R.1 Tool Kit with a compilation of existing opportunities

What We Have Decided Thus Far

- **NYS will enact work requirements starting on January 1, 2027.**
- **NYS will only verify compliance or exemption at renewal**; we will not conduct work requirement verification more frequently than renewals.
- **NYS will transition members to 6-month renewals after their first renewal in 2027,** e.g., cohorts renewing in February will next renew in August.
- **NYS will require one month of community engagement** compliance for each application or renewal.
- **NYS is intending to pursue the optional short-term hardship exemption package,** however more clarification is needed from CMS on operationalizing these exemptions.
- **NYS will not request a good-faith implementation exemption;** the Interim Final Rule suggests that only two states will receive exemptions.



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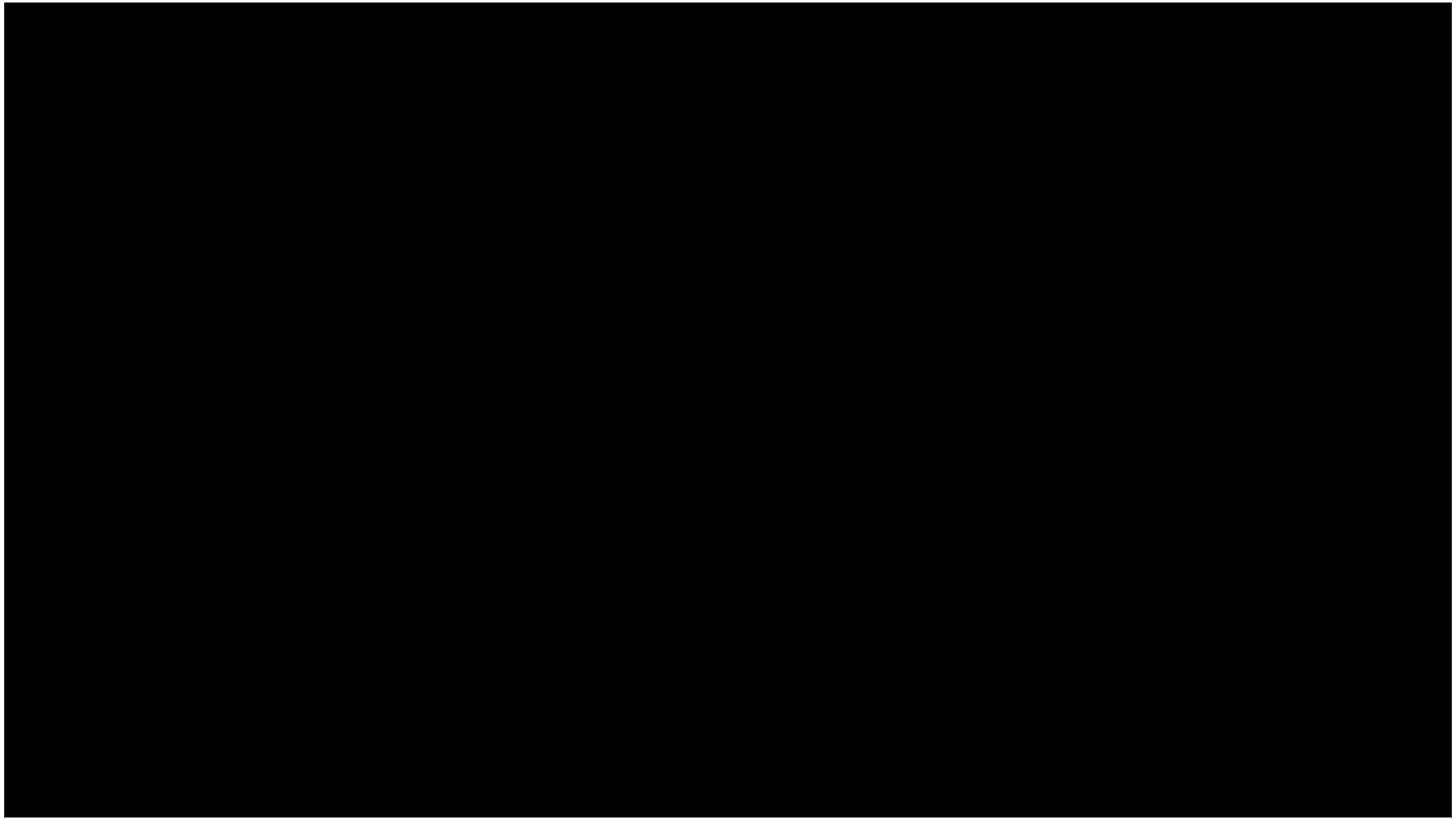
NY State of Health Income Verification

The State will pursue data source options to automatically verify if members and new applicants comply with work requirements for Medicaid coverage

- The verification approach will vary by exemption
- Coverage of traditional and non-traditional income
- Potential short-term and long-term enhancements that improve the member experience:
  - Increased automatic (ex parte) renewal rates
  - Faster income verification
  - Reduced manual processing

1. **Federal Data Sources**
2. **State Agency Data External DOH**
3. **State Agency Data Internal DOH**
4. **Third Party Solutions**

NY State of Health Income Verification Demonstration

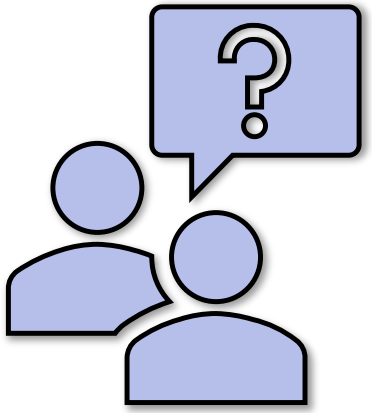




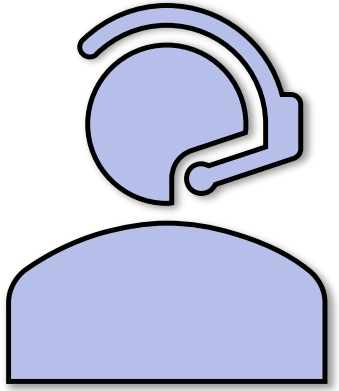
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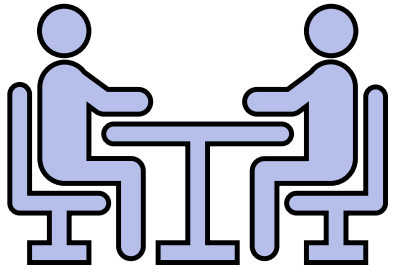
Consistent messaging and assistant resources across platforms



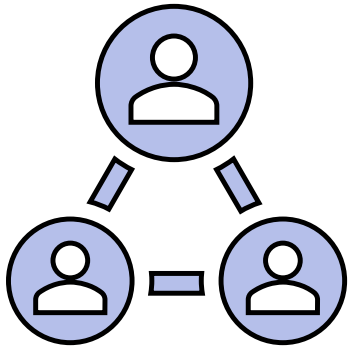
Assistor Network



Call Center



Partner Organizations



Outreach Events

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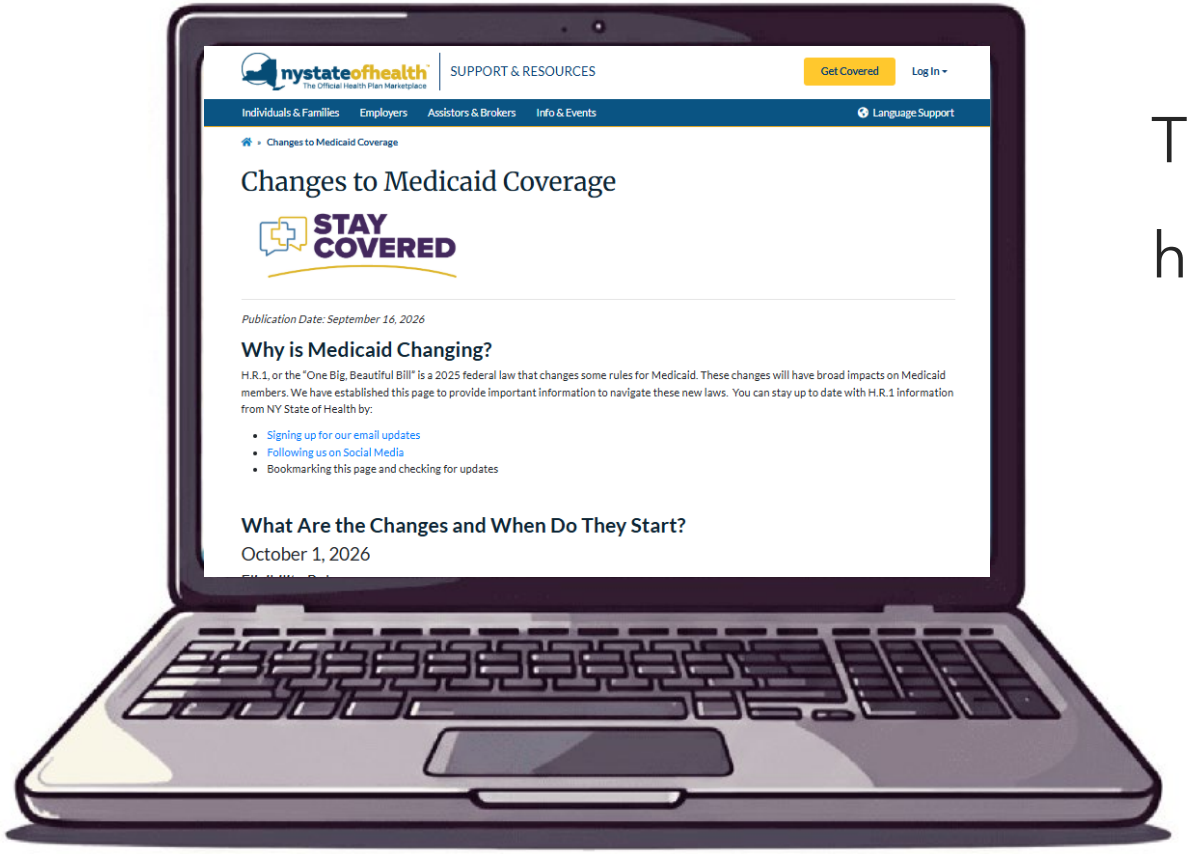
2026 Preparation: Key Messages

- Consistent and clear calls to action to inform consumers via existing platforms and via partners:
  - Assistors
  - Customer Service Center
  - Member Notices
  - Social Media
  - Events & Presentations
  - Materials & Resources

September	• Changes are coming • You may receive a notice - open it if you do • Keep your contact info updated • Consent to automatic renewal using trusted data sources
October	• Changes are coming • Learn if work requirements could apply to you • Keep your contact info updated • Consent to automatic renewal using trusted data sources
November	• Learn if work requirements could apply to you • Understand how to comply with work requirements • Keep your contact info updated • Consent to automatic renewal using trusted data sources
December	• Learn if work requirements could apply to you • Act now to prepare for work requirements • Keep your contact info updated • Consent to automatic renewal using trusted data sources

2026 Preparation: **Keeping Consumers Informed**

[Changes to Medicaid Coverage | NY State of Health]



The Stay Covered website is the homebase for H.R.1 changes:

- What's New
- When Will Changes to Medicaid Start?
- What Should I Do Now?
- Frequently Asked Questions (Members)

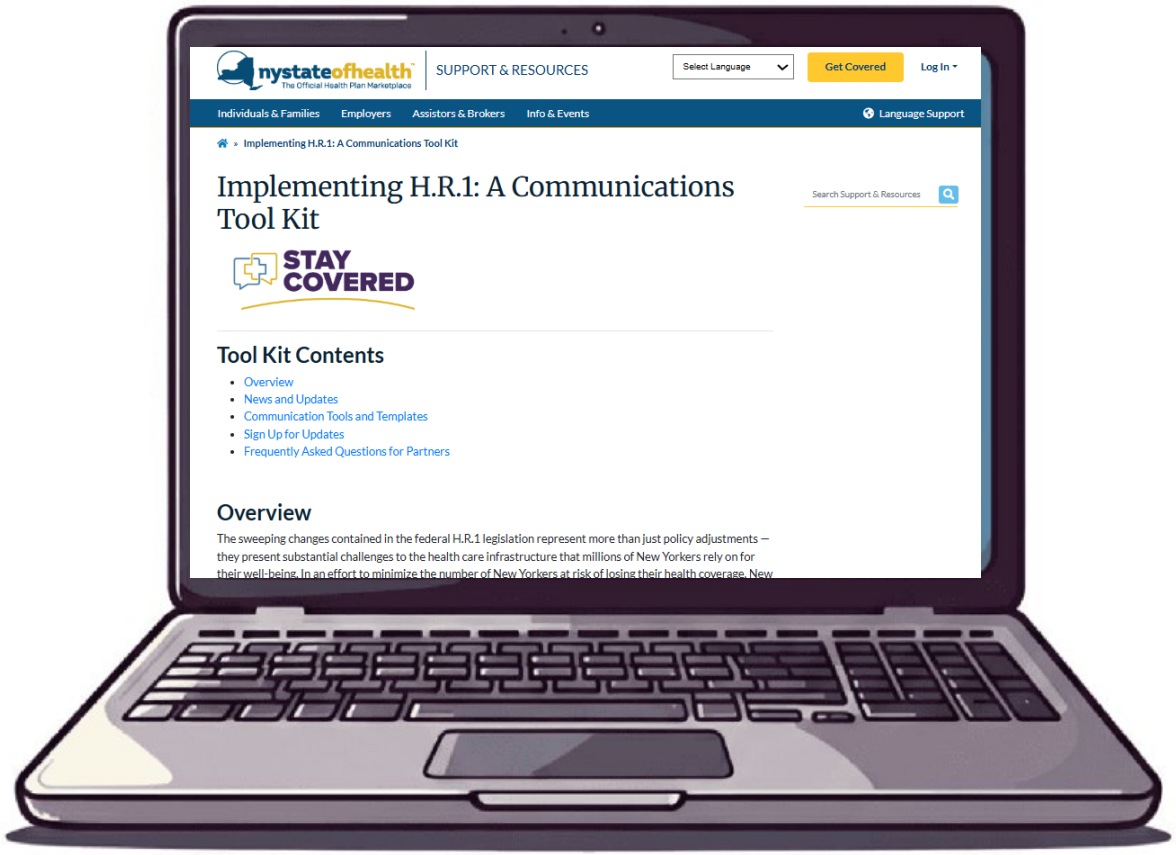
2026 Preparation: **Work Requirements Questionnaire**



- The Work Requirements Questionnaire will launch this fall to help members quickly identify if work requirements could apply to them.
- The Questionnaire augments our existing outreach strategy and will be featured in upcoming communications.

2026 Preparation: **H.R.1 Toolkit for Partners & Stakeholders**

[Implementing H.R.1: A Communications Tool Kit | NY State of Health]



- Additionally, our H.R.1 Toolkit page is a resource page for Partners & Stakeholders, with materials available in 27 languages, co-branding guidelines, demographic data, past UHF presentations, social media samples, an overview of our implementation timeline, and FAQs.

Quick Links to Stay Covered Resources



Changes to Medicaid Coverage: An Overview of H.R.1 Legislation





Implementing H.R.1: A Communications Tool Kit





NY State of Health's New Income Verification Tool: Truv





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