GET PREPARED FOR
UPCOMING HUSKY D CHANGES

What's changing and what steps you may need to take to keep your HUSKY D

WHAT'S CHANGING

Federal rules are adding new requirements for some people to keep HUSKY D coverage.

If you have HUSKY D, you may need to:

1. **Show proof that you work or participate in activities each month such as:**
   - Working (earn at least $580/month), OR
   - Spend 80 hours per month working, doing job training, or community service/volunteer work, OR
   - Be enrolled at least half-time in school

More information on what counts and how to report will be coming soon. The Department of Social Services will be sending information later this year to those who have to report.

2. **Renew your coverage every 6 months (instead of once a year)**

HUSKY D changes begin January 1, 2027.

When you need to start reporting will depend on your situation.

NOT EVERYONE IS AFFECTED. HELP IS AVAILABLE.

If the changes apply to you, you will receive information from the Department of Social Services. DSS may also ask you to provide information showing that these rules do not apply to you. It's important to make sure your contact information is up to date **NOW** to get these updates.

Update Us so we can Update U

1. Learn how to update your info **NOW** at Portal.ct.gov/UpdateUsDSS or call Access Health CT at 1-855-805-4325

2. Add DSS to your saved contacts (short codes 60302 and 648731 for texts and 1-855-626-6632)

3. Look out for HUSKY/DSS mail, email, or texts

If you don't have Medicaid now and think you are eligible, don't wait to apply. Medicaid enrollment is available all year. If you apply in 2026, you will not have to meet work rules when you apply. You may need to meet these requirements in 2027 when you renew your coverage.

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New Work Rules Will Apply to You if All of These are True:

- You are age 19-64
- You have HUSKY D
- You are able to work (meaning you don't qualify for any "medical frailty exemptions")
- You are not a parent or caretaker relative of a child under 14 years of age or a disabled individual
- AND if you don't have any of the exemptions listed below

You will get a notice by mail, email, or text message from the Department of Social Services if you need to report, and what you need to do.

Work Rules Will NOT Apply to You If:

- You have HUSKY A, B, or C
- You are under 19 or over 64 years old
- You are a parent or caretaker relative of a child under 14 years of age
- You are a caretaker relative or family caregiver of someone with disabilities, which may include older adults who need help in performing daily living activities
- You are pregnant or were pregnant in the last 12 months
- You are a former foster care youth under 26
- You are an American Indian or Alaska Native
- You are a Veteran with a total disability rating (100% schedular) or Total Disability based on Individual Unemployability (TDIU) rating from the VA
- You were in jail or prison in the last 90 days before you apply for or renew coverage
- You have Medicare Part A or B
- You were recently inpatient in a hospital or nursing facility
- You are already meeting the work rules for TFA (family cash)
- You are in a household receiving SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly Food Stamps) and not exempt from the SNAP work rules
- You are medically frail and unable to work
- You are in an approved drug or alcohol treatment program
- You travel outside your community for medical care for you or a dependent

Do the New HUSKY D Work Rules Apply to You?

Learn more by completing the HUSKY D Work Rules Pre Screener here:

portal.ct.gov/husky/huskydprescreener

Learn more about the changes here: ct.gov/hr1help. Get free help. Visit cafca.org/agencies or call 2-1-1 to find your local community action agency for more information and resources.

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