

Medical Assistance changes on Oct. 1, 2026, affecting certain noncitizen adults

Some noncitizen adults no longer qualify for Medical Assistance (MA) because of federal changes starting Oct. 1, 2026.

Adults who can keep MA:

To keep MA starting Oct. 1, 2026, noncitizens age 21 or older who are not pregnant, must have one of these immigration statuses:

- Lawful Permanent Resident (green card holders) who satisfy a five-year waiting period or meet an exception to the waiting period,
- Cuban or Haitian Entrant, or
- Compact of Free Association (COFA) Migrant (from the Marshall Islands, Micronesia or Palau).

The federal law changes do not impact MA eligibility for noncitizen individuals who are:

- Children under age 21 with any lawfully present status
- People who are pregnant regardless of their immigration status

These changes do not impact U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals.

How will you know if you keep or lose coverage?

The Minnesota Department of Human Services will notify you by mail if your MA coverage will be ending.

The Minnesota Department of Human Services will review case information for people who no longer qualify for MA to see if they qualify for another state health care program. Noncitizen individuals who meet other program criteria may qualify for MinnesotaCare or another health care program.

If you qualify for MinnesotaCare or another program: The Minnesota Department of Human Services will notify you by mail of your change in program eligibility or if more information is needed.

- **Some people who qualify for MinnesotaCare must pay a premium before coverage begins.** If you are required to pay a premium, you will be mailed a billing notice. The premium amount depends on your income, family size and the number of family members enrolled in the program. Learn more about MinnesotaCare at mn.gov/dhs/health-care/minnesotacare.



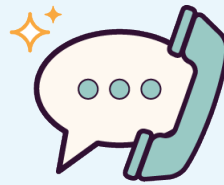
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What you should do now.



Update your contact information if your address or phone number has changed:
<https://mn.gov/dhs/mycontactinfo/>.



Immediately contact your county or Tribal human services office with updates or corrections:
For example, report if your status has changed and you are now a U.S. citizen or U.S. national; or are a Lawful Permanent Resident, Cuban or Haitian Entrant, or COFA Migrant; or are pregnant. Refer to the online directory of human services offices at mn.gov/dhs/about-us/contact-us/county-and-tribal-national-offices for contact information.



Watch for mail from the Minnesota Department of Human Services or your county or Tribal human services office:
Immediately read and respond to the mail you receive.

Get information and help.

- **Minnesota Department of Human Services website:** mn.gov/dhs/federalchanges/noncitizen-adults
- **MNsure-certified navigators (assisters):** mnsure.org/help/find-assister – Free enrollment help
- **Legal experts:** lawhelpmn.org – Speak with an immigration attorney if you have questions about your current immigration status.
- **Refugee and Immigrant Helpline:** 800-814-4806 or mn.gov/dhs/resettlement for connection to community resources, including legal help.
The Helpline does not assist in applying for healthcare coverage or assess eligibility.

