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MinnesotaCare requires some enrollees to pay a monthly premium to start and keep coverage

On October 1, 2026, federal law limited who can qualify for Medical Assistance (MA) based on immigration status. Many enrollees who lost MA coverage because of the federal changes are eligible for MinnesotaCare. Some people must pay a monthly premium for coverage to begin.

The Minnesota Department of Human Services sent the following information related to this change to enrollees.

- In early September 2026, letters were mailed to impacted enrollees to inform them that their MA coverage was ending effective September 30, 2026, due to the federal law change. If we had enough information on file to decide if they qualified for MinnesotaCare, the letter also notified them that they were approved for MinnesotaCare beginning October 1, 2026.
- People who were approved for MinnesotaCare received an initial premium bill in mid-September. If there was an amount due on the premium bill, it must be paid for coverage to begin. They can still pay their premium now for coverage to begin next month.
- In October 2026, the Minnesota Department of Human Services mailed renewal paperwork informing enrollees if their MinnesotaCare eligibility was automatically renewed or if they must complete renewal paperwork for MinnesotaCare. We mailed renewal forms and notices to MinnesotaCare enrollees even if they never paid their initial premium. In order to continue to be eligible for MinnesotaCare, the renewal form must be completed and returned.
- For some enrollees who lost MA due to the federal law change, we needed more information to determine if they were eligible for MinnesotaCare. In mid-August, we mailed letters to those enrollees along with an application form to collect the information needed to determine their MinnesotaCare eligibility. If this information was not provided, these enrollees do not have any Minnesota Health Care Programs coverage. They should contact their county or Tribal agency for assistance. Visit https://mn.gov/dhs/health-care/contact-us/county-tribal-directory/ for county or tribal human services office or state office.

For more information on the federal changes, visit mn.gov/dhs/federalchanges/noncitizen-adults/.

For more information on MinnesotaCare, visit mn.gov/dhs/health-care/minnesotacare.

Some people must still pay a premium for MinnesotaCare coverage to begin.

Some people who lost MA coverage due to the federal law change were approved for MinnesotaCare but have not yet paid their initial premium. They may still pay their initial premium for MinnesotaCare coverage to begin next month.

- The premium bill must be paid by noon on the last business day of the month for MinnesotaCare coverage to start on the first day of the next month.
- Monthly premiums must be paid each month for MinnesotaCare coverage to continue.

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MinnesotaCare premiums can be paid online, by phone, by mail or in person.

- For information on the cost of premiums, visit mn.gov/dhs/health-care/minnesotacare/premiums.
- For information about how to make payments, visit mn.gov/dhs/health-care/minnesotacare/after-you-apply. Review photos of the approval notice and first premium invoice, and see the information in English, Spanish, Somali and Afan Oromo using the dropdown in the upper right of the webpage.

It's also time to renew MinnesotaCare coverage.

- If an enrollee must complete renewal paperwork for MinnesotaCare, we sent them a letter in the mail telling them when they need to complete their renewal along with a form. If they lose the form, they can get it online (https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-8262-ENG) or by calling their county or Tribal worker or Health Care Consumer Support at 651-297-3862 or 800-657-3672.
- **Remember:** The circle in blue means it's time to renew. Enrollees should watch their mail for an envelope with a blue dot. Once they receive it, get started right away. They can also now view their renewal paperwork in their health care account. The renewal paperwork will say if there are changes to the premium cost.



- For more information on renewing coverage, visit mn.gov/dhs/health-care/renew.
- If you need help, contact a health care navigator at mn.gov/dhs/navigators.