

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:**
 - o Working (earn at least \$580/month), OR
 - o Spend 80 hours per month working, doing job training, or community service/volunteer work, OR
 - o Be enrolled at least half-time in school

More information on what counts and how to report will be coming. 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. It's important to make sure your contact information is up to date **NOW** to get these updates.



1. Update your info **NOW** at [Portal](https://portal.ct.gov/UpdateUsDSS).
[ct.gov/UpdateUsDSS](https://portal.ct.gov/UpdateUsDSS)
or call Access Health CT at
1-855-805-4325

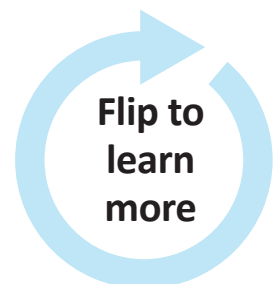


2. Add DSS to your saved contacts (short code 60302 for texts and the DSS Benefits Center number 1-855-626-6632)

3. Look out for HUSKY/DSS mail 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.





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
- You do not live with a child under age 14
- AND if you don't have any of the exemptions listed to the right

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 are pregnant or have been within the past 12 months
- You have serious health conditions
- You are a caretaker relative of a child under age 19
- You have a disability that stops you from working
- You are a caretaker relative of someone with disabilities
- You are already working 80 hours per month or meeting work rules through other programs (like SNAP or TFA)
- You are between 19 and 25 and were in foster care
- You are in a drug or alcohol treatment and rehabilitation program
- You are an American Indian or Alaska Native
- You are a veteran with a total disability rating
- You were in jail or prison in the last 90 days
- You are now in or were recently in the hospital, or a patient in a nursing facility, intermediate care facility, or psychiatric hospital
- You have to travel outside of your local area for long periods of time to get medical care for yourself or your child



Learn more about the changes here:
portal.ct.gov/dss-hr1

To reach the DSS Benefits Center for other questions, call **1-855-626-6632**.

