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If I have a full-time job, why do I need to submit my PATH Community Engagement hours each month?



Kentucky HEALTH encourages economic stability by exempting individuals who work full-time (30 hours per week or more) from PATH Community Engagement reporting requirements.

I received Medicaid through Medicaid expansion, and I am worried that Kentucky HEALTH is going to take away my healthcare.



The income eligibility requirements for Medicaid are not changing under Kentucky HEALTH. If you were eligible before, you are still eligible.

I am over age 65, blind, disabled, receiving Medicare, and/or receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Will Kentucky HEALTH make me go back to work?



Beneficiaries who are over age 65, blind, disabled, receiving Medicare, and/or receiving SSI will not be part of Kentucky HEALTH and will not experience a change in benefits.

Note: Individuals receiving Retirement, Survivors and Disability Insurance (RSDI) with a disability indicator may be eligible for Kentucky HEALTH but will likely be exempt from the PATH Community Engagement requirement

I cannot complete my PATH Community Engagement requirement because I am pregnant and I am worried about losing my healthcare.



While a woman is pregnant, and for 60 days after the end of her pregnancy (called the postpartum period), she will be exempt from the PATH Community Engagement and Cost-Sharing (premiums or co-pays) requirements.

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I have a serious medical condition and/or I have significant difficulty performing daily activities, and I am worried I will lose my health insurance since I cannot work.



Individuals who are physically or mentally unable to work may be considered Medically Frail. Beneficiaries who are Medically Frail will not have any changes in their health coverage and are exempt from the PATH Community Engagement requirement.

I am the primary caregiver for my parent or my child, and I do not have time to work an additional 80 hours per month to meet the PATH Community Engagement requirement.



A beneficiary may be exempt from the PATH Community Engagement requirement if they are the designated primary caregiver for a child or tax-dependent adult. Alternatively, caregiving hours for a non-tax-dependent individual can count towards the PATH Community Engagement requirement.

I am worried about my child losing access to healthcare.



Children will remain on the Medicaid State Benefit Plan and continue receiving benefits as usual, even if their parents/guardians lose their eligibility or are in a suspension period.

I have a documented medical need for a vision or dental service, but I do not have enough dollars in my My Rewards Account to pay for the service.



Most medically necessary dental and vision services are still covered by Kentucky HEALTH. In addition, My Rewards dollars can be spent on a variety of non-medical routine dental and vision services.

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