

Subject State implementation of selected MA provisions in Pub. Law 119-21

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Overview

Medical Assistance (MA) is a means-tested, federal-state program that pays for preventive, acute, and basic health care services and long-term services and supports (LTSS) provided to low-income individuals. The general parameters for MA eligibility are set out in federal law and regulations.

Pub. Law 119-21 (referred to as HR1 or the One Big Beautiful Bill Act) made changes to federal law governing states' Medicaid programs. The changes affect eligibility policies, administrative procedures, and how the program is financed. Several of the changes apply specifically to MA enrollees who are adults without children, or Affordable Care Act (ACA) expansion enrollees.

H.R. 3439 makes changes to state statutes to conform with and implement the following provisions of Pub. Law 119-21 that apply to MA and go into effect on or before January 1, 2027:

- Limits on retroactive eligibility
- Six-month eligibility redeterminations for adults without children
- Administrative review to identify MA recipients who are deceased
- Changes to noncitizens' eligibility
- Data sharing between managed care organizations (MCOs) and the commissioner of human services

Summary

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1	State medical review team; expedited disability determinations. Amends § 256.01, subd. 29a. Directs the commissioner of human services to establish an expedited disability determination process for individuals who are enrolled in MA as adults without children and are at risk of losing their MA coverage.
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2	<p>Income and assets generally.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.056, subd. 1a. Makes a conforming change related to the provision in this bill that increases the frequency of eligibility redeterminations for adults without children who are enrolled in MA.</p> <p>Makes the section effective January 1, 2027.</p>
3	<p>Period of eligibility.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.056, subd. 7. Paragraph (a) changes retroactive eligibility for MA, allowing adults without children to have one month of retroactive eligibility and all other enrollees to have two months.</p> <p>Paragraph (b) requires that adults without children, except specified American Indians, have their MA eligibility redetermined every six months.</p> <p>Paragraph (e) makes conforming changes related to the change in retroactive eligibility.</p> <p>Makes the section effective January 1, 2027.</p>
4	<p>Definition.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.0561, subd. 1. Provides that periodic data matching, which the commissioner of human services is required to conduct to evaluate continued MA eligibility, does not include review of the death master file. This is a conforming change related to the provision in this bill that requires that the commissioner regularly review the death master file.</p> <p>Makes the section effective January 1, 2027.</p>
5	<p>Periodic data matching.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.0561, subd. 2. Makes a conforming change related to the provision in this bill that increases the frequency of eligibility redeterminations for adults without children who are enrolled in MA.</p> <p>Makes the section effective January 1, 2027.</p>
6	<p>Review of death master file.</p> <p>Creates § 256B.0562. Beginning January 1, 2027, requires the commissioner of human services to review the death master file maintained by the Social Security Administration at least quarterly to identify whether any MA enrollees are deceased. Outlines the steps the commissioner must take if the review indicates an enrollee is deceased. Requires that the commissioner immediately re-enroll any individual who was erroneously disenrolled because the individual was misidentified as deceased.</p>

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	Provides that nothing in this section prevents the commissioner from reviewing other sources to identify enrollees who may be deceased.
7	<p>Citizenship requirements.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.06, subd. 4. Changes noncitizens' eligibility for MA to provide that only the following noncitizens are eligible for MA: lawful permanent residents (LPRs, or green card holders); Cuban/Haitian entrants; and individuals who are Citizens of the Freely Associated States who are residing in a U.S. state or territory (COFA migrants).</p> <p>Makes the section effective October 1, 2026.</p>
8	<p>Eligibility; retroactive effect; restrictions.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.061. Makes a conforming change related to the provision in this bill that modifies retroactive eligibility for MA enrollees.</p> <p>Makes the section effective January 1, 2027.</p>
9	<p>Managed care contracts.</p> <p>Amends § 256B.69, subd. 5a. Provides that, beginning January 1, 2027, a contract between the commissioner of human services and a managed care organization (MCO) must include a requirement for the MCO to share with the commissioner any address information received directly from MA enrollees or verified by the MCO with an enrollee.</p>
10	<p>Direction to the commissioner of human services; notification to Medical Assistance recipients.</p> <p>Directs the commissioner of human services, by October 1, 2026, to notify MA enrollees who are adults without children that they may be eligible for MA under a disability determination. Provides that the notification must include information about how to request a disability determination and an explanation of the changes to MA eligibility that will go into effect January 1, 2027.</p>



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