

Medicaid Work Requirements Model Bill

- (A) Short title.** This Act shall be known and may be cited as the “Medicaid Workforce Act of 2019.”
- (B) Purpose.** The purpose of this Act is to help individuals and families attain independence and self-sufficiency by ensuring able-bodied adults on the program are working, training, or volunteering in their communities.
- (C) Medicaid work requirement.** No individual shall be eligible to participate in the Medicaid program unless that individual is:
- (1) working 20 hours or more per week, averaged monthly;
 - (2) participating in and complying with the requirements of a work program 20 hours or more per week, as determined by the Agency;
 - (3) volunteering 20 hours or more per week, as determined by the Agency;
 - (4) meeting any combination of working and participating in a work program for a total of 20 hours or more per week, as determined by the Agency;
 - (5) participating and complying with the requirements of a workfare program; or
 - (6) exempt from the work requirement under Section D.
- (D) Exemptions from the work requirement.** The Medicaid work requirement does not apply to an individual if he or she is:
- (1) under the age of 19;
 - (2) over the age of 64;
 - (3) medically certified as physically or mentally unfit for employment;
 - (4) is pregnant;
 - (5) a parent or caretaker responsible for the care of a dependent child under the age of 1;
 - (6) a parent or caretaker personally providing the care for a dependent child with serious medical conditions or with a disability, as determined by the Agency;
 - (7) receiving unemployment compensation and complying with work requirements that are part of the Federal-State unemployment compensation system; or
 - (8) participating in a drug addiction or alcoholic treatment and rehabilitation program.
- (E) State plan amendments and waivers.** The Agency shall submit any state plan amendment or waiver needed to implement the provisions of this Act.
- (F) Rules.** The Agency shall promulgate all rules and regulations necessary for the purposes of carrying out this Act.
- (G) Effective date.** The requirements of this Act shall be effective on:
- (1) January 1, 2020; or
 - (2) Approval of the state plan amendment or waiver, or both, submitted under Section E.