



How HR 1 Medicaid Provisions will Impact Public Housing Authorities

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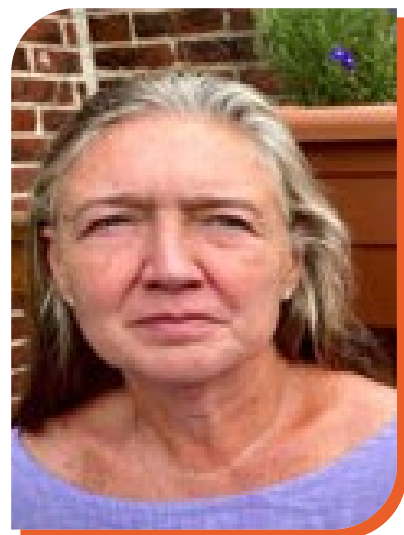


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Today ...

- Learning Objectives
- Key Provisions
- Impact
- Opportunities
- Action



Learning Objectives

- Identify key Medicaid provisions of HR 1 related to healthcare coverage for tenants
- Discuss potential impacts of key provisions on services covered by Medicaid for HUD assisted housing tenants
- Identify barriers to coverage and identify ways to mitigate negative impacts





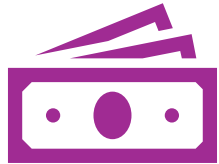
H.R.1 Reshapes Medicaid: What the Housing Sector Needs to Know



H.R.1 and the Impact on Affordable and Supportive Housing
Residents - National Center for Housing + Health-

Webinar series, blogs, materials to educate and support efforts to
maintain coverage

From a Housing Sector Lens



Insurance Coverage

Work Requirements

More Frequent Redeterminations

States with less federal funds often make cuts



Services Access

Without health insurance coverage you cannot access care, such as doctor visits and medications or in home care

Without access to care, your stability as a tenant is jeopardized

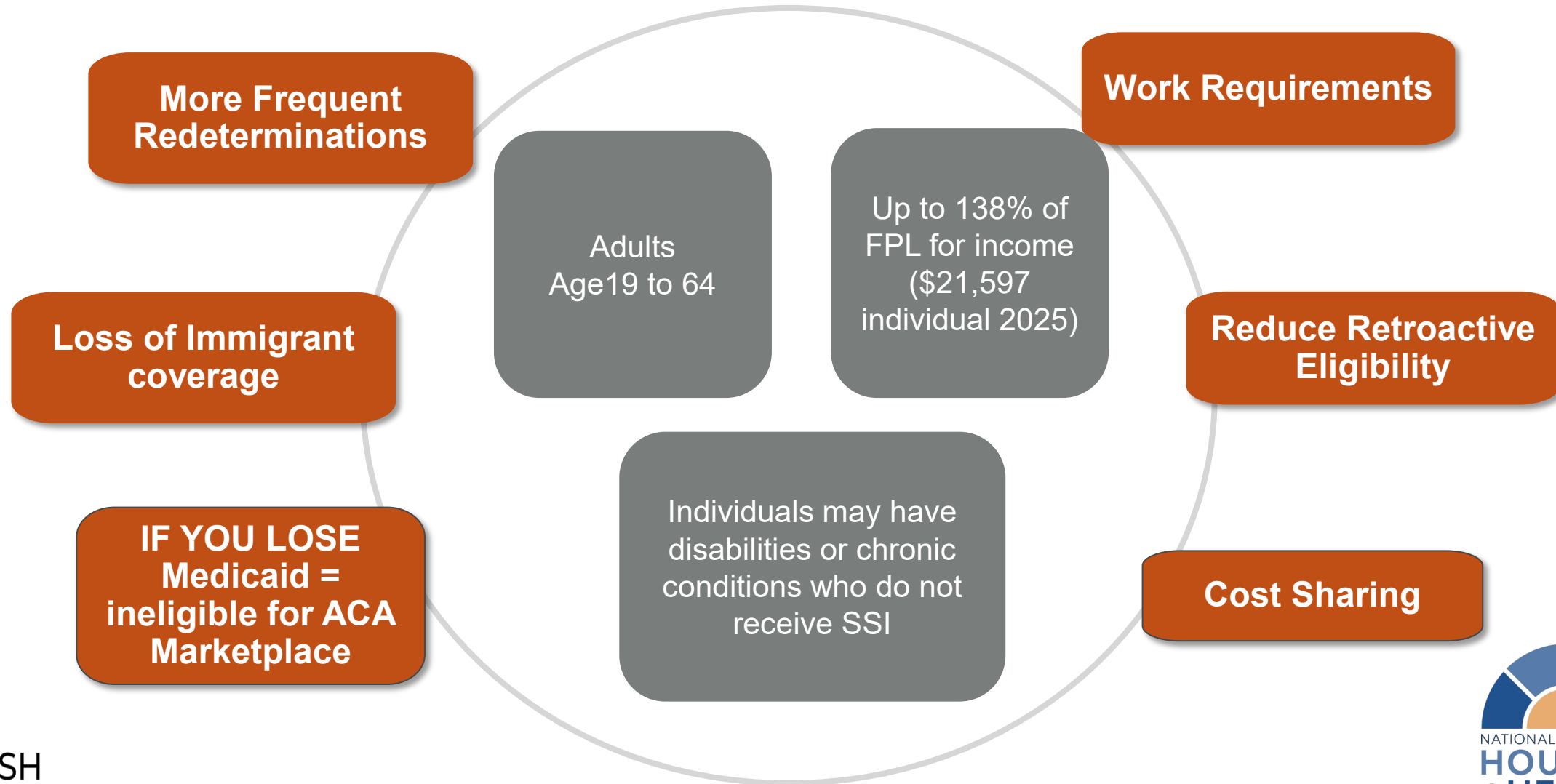


Development funding

Supportive housing development may slow given uncertainty in services financing

ACA Expansion Population:

How many of you or your tenants are in this group?





Work Requirements



Eligibility Criteria:

- Implemented by 12/31/26
- 80 hours of work, training, community service
- Education enrollment at least half time
- Meet prior to enrollment and at each redetermination (6 months)

[Medicaid Community Engagement Requirement for Certain Individuals Interim Final Rule with Comment Period \(CMS-2454-IFC\) | CMS](#)

Exemptions:

- Family caregivers, parents of children under age 13
- People with disabilities, receiving SSI, living with physical, intellectual, or developmental disability
- Older adults
- Medically frail
- Participation in SUD program
- Disabled veterans
- Foster care youth and former foster youth under age 26
- Pregnant and postpartum women
- American Indians and Alaska Natives

[Medicaid Work Requirements: What Housing and Health Providers Need to Know and Do Now - National Center for Housing + Health](#)



Medical Frailty

- The state has determined that you have a disability and that disability means that you cannot work
- States are figuring out how to measure if someone can work. No current processes or research
- States must quickly set up processes to collect this information
- Expect lots of problems with these systems and lawsuits challenging how states set this up.
- Federal Disability Law that must be followed- [2025 Medicaid Guide](#)



Self Attestation

- Self-Attestation is a term used in Medicaid to mean that I stated something was true, but the authority did not require proof
- The Law says that states can accept self attestation for exceptions in 2027, but must require proof in 2028



What about that Lawsuit? What happens next?



Judge did not find in favor of the 25 states that wanted the June 1st, IFR rescinded. State implementation is moving forward



States have started to communicate with those whose immigration status now mean they are no longer eligible for coverage. Some states are trying to find other coverage pathways for this group. People lose coverage 10/1/2026.



States are required to start informing beneficiaries at the end of August, if the states think the person needs to report work to maintain their Medicaid



States will roll out explainers and training over the fall

To be shared primarily with health sector partners, through state health mailing lists

To be written in Medicaid speak, might not make sense to you or your tenants

**Resource from the
NCH+H-
The questions
about coverage.
The answers differ
state by state.**



***A Toolkit to Help Direct Care Workers
Serving People with Disabilities Understand
New Medicaid Requirements***

**What questions do support staff need to ask to help
someone retain their Medicaid in 2027.**

[Bazelon-CSH-Medicaid-OBBBA-guide-for-direct-care-workers-June-2026-
FINAL.pdf](#)



Timing

- NOW
 - Join a broader coalition with those working towards continuous coverage in your state- [National Health Advocacy Partners & Organizations | FL Voices for Health](#)
 - Explore whether health insurance deadlines can be incorporated into your client management data systems.
 - Support your residents to keep their coverage if they are eligible for Medicaid. Help them stay enrolled.





What you can do once your state develops their policies

- Help tenants understand the changes
- Integrate insurance info into your workflows and data systems
- Know who is expansion population
- Help people navigate work requirements and more frequent eligibility determinations
- Create Partnerships with those working on coverage access.



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