Iowa Health and Wellness Plan (IHAWP)

IOWA Health and Human Services

Community Engagement Requirements

What Are Community Engagement Requirements?

By December 1, 2026, certain IHAWP members must meet monthly requirements to enroll and maintain coverage. These requirements are designed to encourage work and community involvement.

Community Engagement Requirements:

Work
Paid employment for 80+ hours per month or earn at least $580 per month (based on federal minimum wage)*

Job Training
Enroll in a qualifying job training or work program for 80+ hours per month

Education
Attend a college or career / technical education program at least half-time

Community Service
Volunteer work for 80+ hours per month

*Seasonal Workers: Income is averaged over six months

Combination: A mix of the activites listed above totaling 80+ hours per month

Does not apply to:

- American Indians and Alaska Natives
- Caregivers of children under age 14 or individuals with disabilities
- Current or recent inmates of a public institution
- Individuals in a drug or alcohol treatment program
- Individuals who are disabled, medically frail, or have a serious medical condition
- Individuals meeting work requirements for Family Investment Program (FIP) or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Veterans with a total disability rating
- Women who are pregnant or receiving postpartum Medicaid

For questions about who qualifies for IHAWP Community Engagement Requirements, contact:
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