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Subject: Maryland Medicaid Immigrant Eligibility Changes Required by Public Law 119-21 § 71109 (H.R. 1/The One Big Beautiful Bill Act)

Add'l Info: H.R. 1, as passed by Congress and signed into law by President Trump, changes Medicaid eligibility for certain immigration statuses. The Maryland Department of Health (the Department) is amending the State Plan to implement the following eligibility changes for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid), pursuant to this law. Changes are effective October 1, 2026.

Public Law 119-21 § 71109 adds new sections 1903(v)(5) and 2107(e)(1)(R) of the Social Security Act (the Act). These sections modify the categories of immigrants for which federal financial participation (FFP) is available for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to individuals with the following citizenship statuses:

1. U.S. citizens and U.S. nationals;
2. Lawful Permanent residents who meet or are exempt from the 5-year bar¹;
3. Cuban and Haitian entrants;
4. Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrants.

Section 1903(v)(5) of the Act describes three exceptions to the FFP limitations for immigrants. Immigrants covered through the following authorities are not impacted by these changes:

1. Emergency Medicaid, per section 1903(v)(2) of the Act;
2. Coverage under the CHIPRA 214 option, per section 1903(v)(4) of the Act;²
3. Health Service Initiatives (HSIs) authorized under section 2105(a)(1)(D)(ii) of the Act

Effective October 1, 2026 individuals who do not meet the updated citizenship requirements will not be eligible for Medicaid unless they meet one of the three exceptions specified above.

¹ As defined in [8 U.S.C. § 1613](#)

² Section 214 of Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA) permits States to cover certain children and pregnant women in both Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) who are "lawfully residing in the United States" as described in section 1903(v)(4) and 2107(e)(1)(J) of the Social Security Act (the Act).

The Department anticipates savings of \$30,619,190 total funds (\$10,447,759 in State general funds and \$20,171,431 in federal funds) in state fiscal year 2027 as a result of these changes.

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