



## **Kaiser Permanente: No New Medicaid Members Until January 1, 2025**

You may not pick Kaiser Permanente as your Medicaid HealthChoice managed care organization (MCO) until January 1, 2025.

If you do not select a HealthChoice MCO when you apply for Medicaid, the system will pick one at random for you. However, Medicaid will not assign anyone to Kaiser Permanente during this period.

Maryland Medicaid paused Kaiser Permanente enrollment beginning August 1, 2024, as a sanction for not meeting Maryland Medicaid's contractual obligations. The pause was to end on September 30, 2024, but has been extended until January 1, 2025.

### **Kaiser Permanente Enrollment Pause Exceptions**

There are two exceptions to the enrollment pause:

1. Kaiser Permanente members who lost their Medicaid coverage and got it back within 120 days will rejoin Kaiser Permanente.
2. A family with one or more household members with Kaiser Permanente and one or more members in different MCOs can move everyone to Kaiser Permanente. You will use the "family unification" change reason to do this.

### **Does this affect me if I am already with Kaiser Permanente?**

No, this does not change anything for you. You can stay with Kaiser Permanente if you are already a Kaiser Permanente member.

### **Why can Maryland Medicaid sanction Kaiser Permanente?**

Each HealthChoice managed care organization contracts with Maryland Medicaid to give you your Medicaid covered services. The contract lists all the things they must do and what will happen if they do not meet contract requirements. A sanction is a penalty for not meeting all the contract requirements.

### **What was the reason for Kaiser Permanente's sanction?**

Maryland Medicaid sanctioned Kaiser Permanente for not meeting their state and federal reporting requirements.

For more information and to see the HealthChoice managed care organizations (MCO) that you can choose, visit [HealthChoice](#).

View the [MCO Comparison Chart](#) to help you pick the best one for you.