Preparing for Medicaid Changes

On July 4, 2025, President Trump signed into law a bill that cuts $1 trillion from the Medicaid program and makes sweeping changes to eligibility, enrollment processes and more. The new requirements don't go into effect immediately – but we know they are coming. Here are some steps you can take to protect your Medicaid coverage now and, in the future, as the new requirements go into effect.

	Know if you are enrolled in Medicaid. Michigan Medicaid is sometimes called Straight Medicaid, MIChild, Healthy Michigan, or Medicaid Managed Care. Michigan partners with nine health plans to provide services. Some commonly used plans include Meridian Health Plan of MI, Molina Healthcare of MI, and Blue Cross Complete of MI.
	Make sure that your **contact information is up to date** with your Medicaid program, and make practice of **logging into your Medicaid account monthly to check for updates.**
	Visit the **MI Bridges online portal** to apply for benefits, manage your case, and connect with local and state resources. You can also contact your local MDHHS office for additional support.
	Consider having a trusted family member or friend be your **"Medicaid Buddy"** to help you keep track of due dates, assist with application completion, remind you of enrollment periods or even attend Medicaid appointments.
	Be sure to **open all mail and emails** from Medicaid, your state's health department, and your insurer. If you receive any communication, **respond within the deadline** (typically 10-30 days).
	Begin keeping detailed **records of your monthly work or qualifying activities** (e.g., caregiving, school, community service). These can include pay stubs, schedules, attendance sheets, etc.
scdaami.org	Connect with your local sickle cell organization, the **Sickle Cell Disease Association - Michigan Chapter**, for assistance with completing the above and check the SCDAA website for further information and/or resources.