

# Communicating federal changes and their impact on Medical Assistance enrollees



A new law brings major changes to some Medicaid enrollees.

- ▶ A new federal law causes major changes to Minnesota's Medicaid program, called Medical Assistance.
- Nothing has changed yet. The first changes happen in October 2026, and the majority won't happen until January 2027.

Rely on DHS to keep you informed.

#### DHS will serve as your trusted guide to prepare.

▶ The law passed recently, so DHS does not have all the answers yet. However, the State of Minnesota has committed to helping you understand the added challenges and what you need to do to maintain health care coverage.

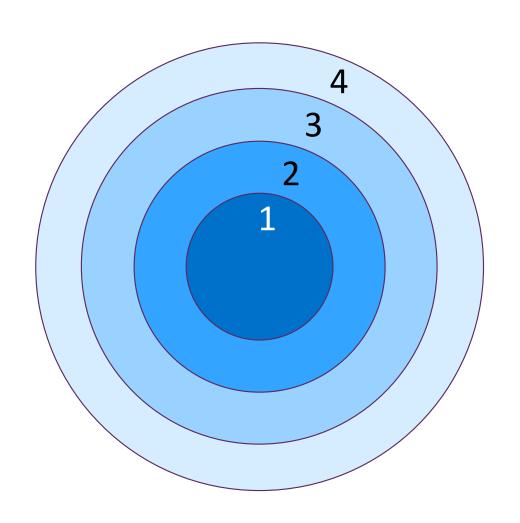
#### Use DHS resources to stay informed.

- ▶ Visit mn.gov/dhs/federalchanges for the latest info.
- ▶ Update your contact info at mn.gov/dhs/mycontactinfo.
- ▶ Get details about your coverage at <u>mnrenewallookup.com</u>.
- ▶ Watch the website, text messages, and U.S. mail for info.

# Medicaid matters.

- Visit mn.gov/dhs/medicaid-matters to learn more about the essential role Medicaid plays in the health and wellbeing of 1 in 5 Minnesotans.
- ► Share your story. Visit mn.gov/dhs/medicaid-matters/facesof-medicaid to explain why Medicaid matters to you, and read the stories shared by other Minnesotans.

# Our communications "solar system"



- 1. ~1.3 million Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare enrollees
- Eligibility workers at DHS,Tribes, counties
- 3. Managed care health plans
- Navigators, providers, community groups, advocacy organizations

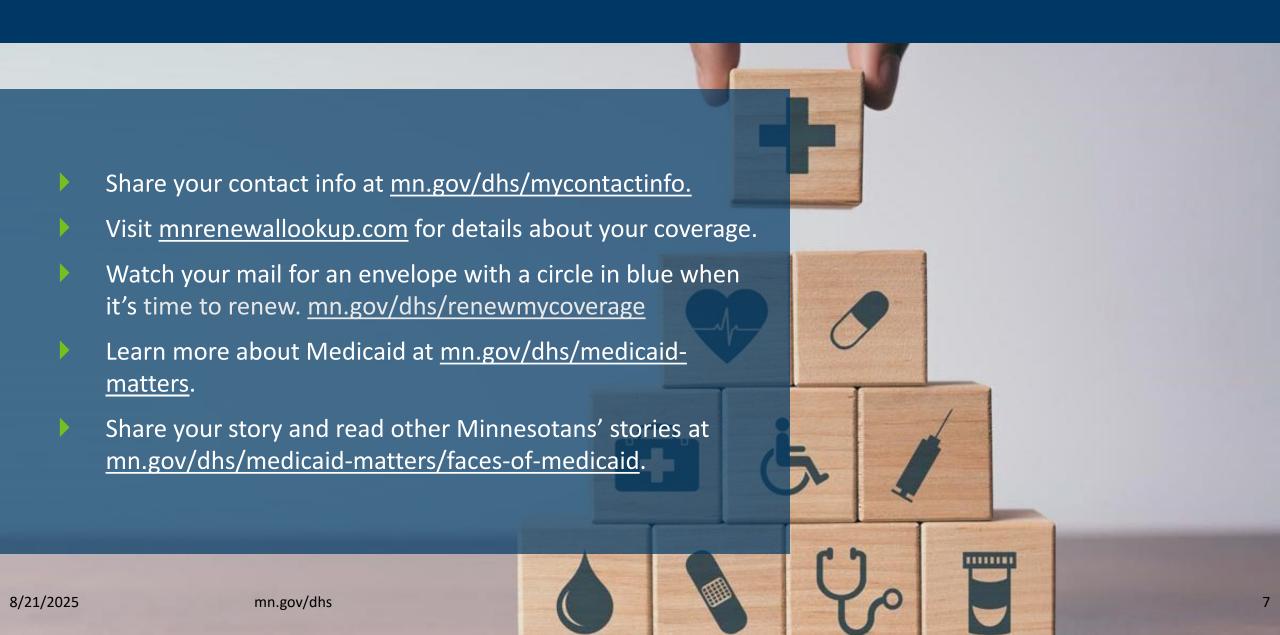
# Communications strategies



- Give as much advance notice as possible
- Write in plain language, 7th-grade reading level
- Translate into Hmong, Somali, Spanish
- Bridge terminology gap, e.g., Medicaid = Medical Assistance
- Use a broad approach with multiple tactics
- Follow lessons from the unwinding
- Seek partner, community input
- Amplify messages using partner toolkit materials
- Use culturally relevant imagery



### Calls to action



#### New web content

## mn.gov/dhs/federalchanges

#### At launch

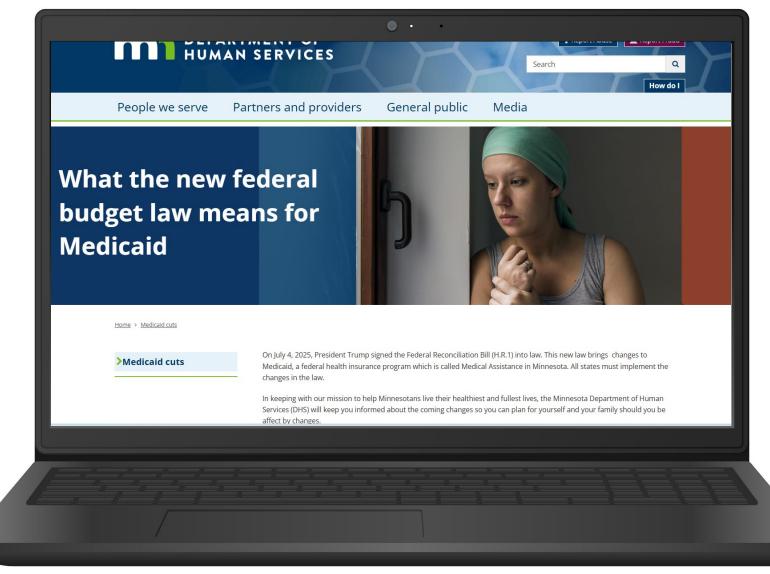
- Overview
- What, who and when

#### Coming soon

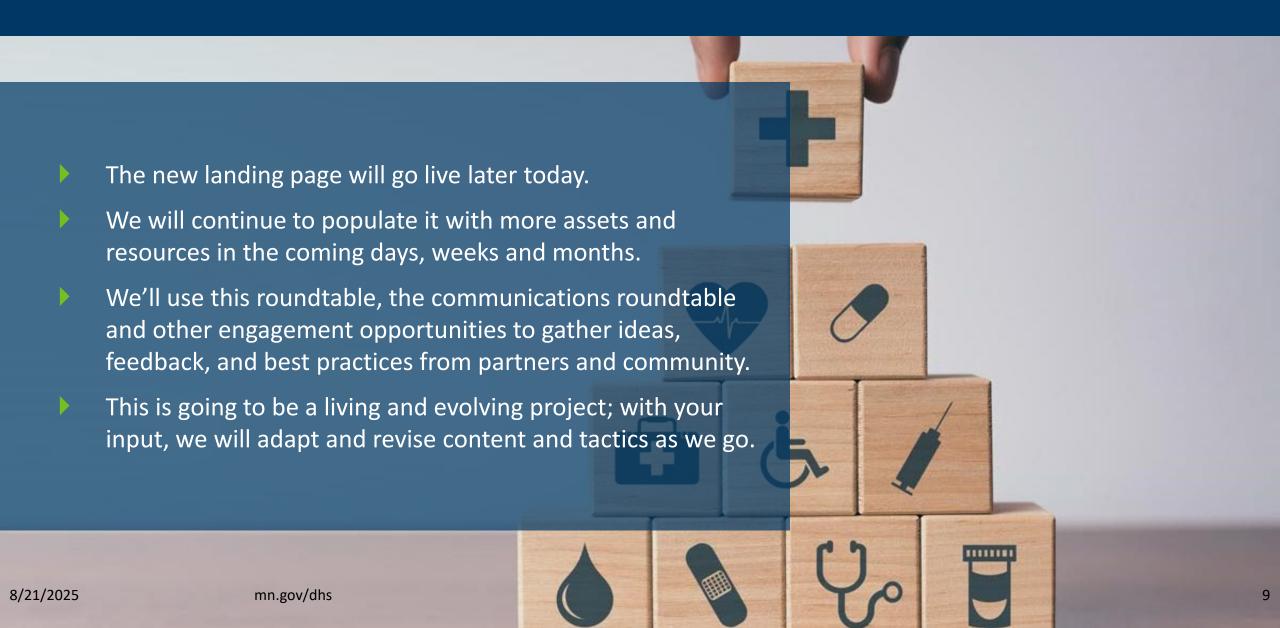
- FAQs
- Fact sheet

#### Later

Partner toolkit materials



## Next steps





# Questions?