

How States Can Align Medicaid with Self-Sufficiency

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Policy Initiatives for Governors and Agency Heads:

- **Adopt “Self-Sufficiency” as a Medicaid Quality Measure** to recognize that self-sufficiency is a driver to improved health outcomes
- **Recognize MCOs that promote self-sufficiency for Medicaid members**
 - Require annual “Graduation off Medicaid” Reports from MCOs
 - Offer incentives to MCOs demonstrating results
- **Build Statewide Self-Sufficiency Councils** (*Florida model*)

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Immediate Steps for Medicaid Alignment

1. Recognize Self-Sufficiency as a quality improvement activity (QIA) under Medicaid

- Issue policy guidance or amend MCO contracts to recognize employment support, job training, and stability-focused interventions as **QIA-eligible**.

2. Approve Value-Based Payment (VBP) Models Tied to Work

- Authorize MCOs to implement VBP arrangements linked to self-sufficiency outcomes

3. Create a Streamlined QIA Certification Pathway

- Develop a fast-track approval process for self-sufficiency-focused initiatives

About Us

Better Health Better Pay (BHBP) is a nonprofit advancing **health, employment, and economic self-sufficiency** for Medicaid members. We **partner with MCOs to deliver integrated health and workforce strategies**, including employment pathways, vocational training, and benefit navigation to build long-term stability.



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