

HR1 Readiness Checklist for Survivor Programs

In Medicaid expansion states, community engagement rules start by January 1, 2027. Use this checklist to get your team, your data, and your release forms ready before the first notices reach survivors.

TODAY

SNAP time limit covers ages 18–64. The parent exception now applies only to children under 14, and the homeless exception has ended.

OCTOBER 1, 2026

Federally-funded Medicaid narrows to green card holders and a few other groups. States now pay 75% of SNAP administrative costs.

JANUARY 1, 2027

Medicaid expansion adults 19–64 must show 80 hours a month or an exemption; a few states may win a federal delay. Renewals move to every six months.

1 KNOW WHO'S AFFECTED

- ☐ Count adults 19–64 you serve who may be in your state's Medicaid expansion group. De-identified totals are enough.
- ☐ Split households: children 13 and under (Medicaid-exempt) vs. teens 14–17 only (no SNAP parent exception).
- ☐ Count adults in emergency shelter, who no longer have the SNAP homeless exception.
- ☐ Flag survivors with humanitarian immigration status and loop in your legal partners.
- ☐ Find out which optional hardship exceptions your state will adopt.

2 MAKE DOCUMENTATION A SERVICE

- ☐ Draft a standard letter confirming shelter stay, program participation, or caregiving, released only with the survivor's consent.
- ☐ Name who signs it and set a turnaround well inside the 30-day window to respond to a state notice.
- ☐ Train advocates on key exemptions: caretakers of children 13 and under, pregnancy and postpartum, medical frailty, and substance use treatment.
- ☐ Build a safety-planned way to keep contact details current for six-month renewals.

3 GUARD CONFIDENTIALITY

- ☐ Review release forms: informed, written, reasonably time-limited, and specific to the request.
- ☐ Confirm no one makes signing a release a condition of receiving services.
- ☐ Set a protocol for agency, employer, or partner requests for survivor information.
- ☐ Keep identifying data out of HMIS. In your comparable database, check program separation and who can see what.

4 BUILD THE CASE

- ☐ Start counting benefits help (Medicaid, SNAP, verification letters) as a service now.
- ☐ Pull baseline numbers this fall so you can show the change after January.
- ☐ Prepare a one-page impact summary for your board and funders.
- ☐ Watch federal funding: the current continuing resolution runs through December 11, 2026, and H.R. 909 (VOCA stabilization) passed the House in January.