

Quick Fix: Docker → Node Runtime

TL;DR

Your Render service is stuck on Docker runtime. Delete and recreate it to get Node runtime and 10-20x faster deployments.

Quick Steps (15 minutes total)

1. Backup Environment Variables (2 min)

1. Go to <https://dashboard.render.com>
2. Click “carelinkai” service
3. Click “Environment” tab
4. Copy all variables to a text file

Critical variables to save:

- DATABASE_URL
 - NEXTAUTH_SECRET
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 - OPENAI_API_KEY
 - All SMTP_ variables
 - All TWILIO_ variables
 - All CLOUDINARY_* variables
 - CRON_SECRET
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2. Delete Service (1 min)

1. Click “Settings” tab (on left sidebar)
 2. Scroll to bottom
 3. Click “Delete Web Service”
 4. Confirm deletion
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3. Create New Service (5 min)

1. Click “New +” button (top right)
2. Select “Web Service”
3. Connect to repository: `profyt7/carelinkai`
4. Configure:
 - **Name:** carelinkai
 - **Runtime:** Node (auto-detected
 - **Build Command:** `npm install && npx prisma generate && npm run build`
 - **Start Command:** `npm start`

- **Region:** Oregon (US West)
 - **Instance Type:** Starter
5. Add all environment variables from backup
 6. Click “Create Web Service”
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4. Wait for Deployment (5-10 min)

Watch the logs for:

- “Building with Node 20.x”
 - “Build succeeded”
 - “Deploy succeeded”
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Result

Before (Docker Runtime)

- Build time: 60-120 minutes
- Build size: ~500MB
- Runtime: Docker
- Slow cold starts (10-15s)

After (Node Runtime)

- Build time: 5-10 minutes (**10-20x faster!**)
 - Build size: ~200MB
 - Runtime: Node 20.x
 - Fast cold starts (2-3s)
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Total Time Investment

Step	Time
Backup env vars	2 min
Delete service	1 min
Create new service	5 min
Deployment wait	5-10 min
Total	~15 min

Total Benefit

Per Deployment (compared to Docker)

- ⌚ Save 55-110 minutes
- 💾 Save ~300MB build size
- 🚀 Save ~10s cold start time
- 💰 Save ~50MB memory

Per Month (if deploying daily)

- ⌚ Save ~30 hours
 - 💾 Save ~9GB bandwidth
 - 💰 Reduce hosting costs
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Worth It?

Absolutely! The 15-minute investment pays for itself after just 1-2 deployments.

Future deployments will be **10-20x faster forever!** 🚀

Need Help?

See `FORCE_NODE_RUNTIME.md` for detailed step-by-step instructions.