

Medicaid Unwind: Where do we stand now?

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Challenges



#1

Florida is marching forward with redeterminations, with large numbers of terminations.

As of October 31, Florida had completed redeterminations for about 60% of its Medicaid beneficiaries (3 million people).



53% of beneficiaries subject to redetermination have been renewed and retained.



Just 9% of beneficiaries have been determined ineligible, but 23% have had coverage terminated for procedural reasons (i.e., failure to timely return paperwork requested by DCF).

These procedural terminations account for 73% of all terminations since the redetermination process began.



According to CMS, Florida is the only state that has not undertaken any strategies to reduce procedural terminations.



#2

The most recent numbers are getting worse.



In October 2023, DCF reported that 36% of the beneficiaries due for renewal that month resulted in a procedural termination, the highest rate yet. These comprised 78% of all terminations for the month.



The ex parte renewal rate for October was just 17%, with other months reaching a rate as high as 32%.



#3

Children are disproportionately affected.



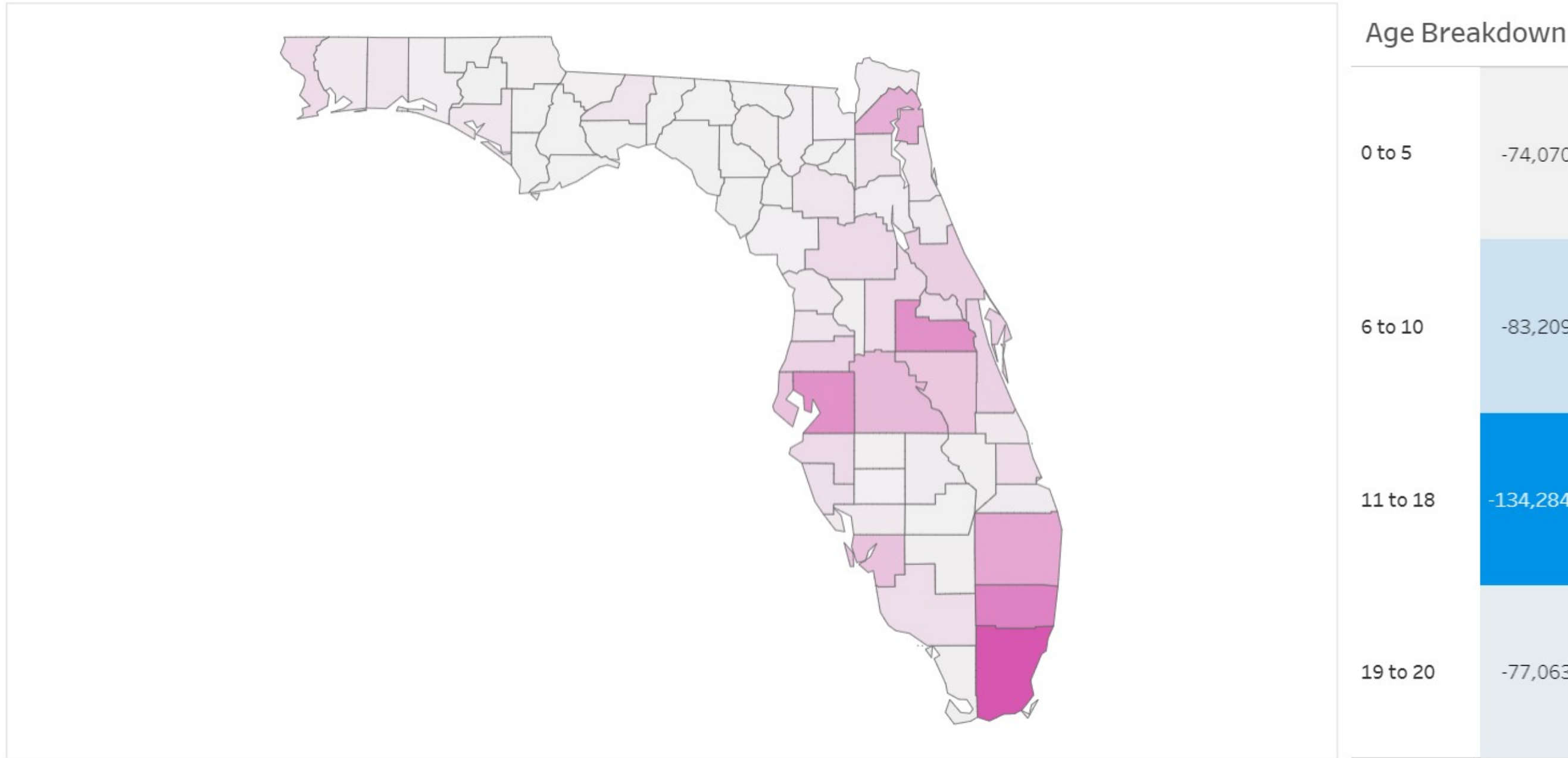
Child Medicaid enrollment has dropped by almost 300,000 since April.

KidCare enrollment increases are only a fraction of this number: 90,000.

Children's Medicaid Coverage Loss Across Florida

(April - October, 2023)

Region: (All) | Age Category: (All) | County: (All)



Number of Children Dropped from Medicaid



Credit: Florida Policy Institute



#4

In the midst of this, DCF is rolling out significant changes to its online ACCESS system.



Positive changes:

- mobile-friendly
- easier to upload documents
- generally more user-friendly



Concerns:

- every user must create a new account and link their Medicaid case number from their old account
- requires two-factor authentication, using an email address or mobile phone number
- the call center is already overloaded



How can I help?

- create systems for helping clients navigate the new portal
- those who have not yet gone through redetermination will still need to do so. Continue letting your constituents know that this is coming, and that their contact info needs to be up-to-date
- refer people who've lost coverage to FHJP



I need help!

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