

Preparing for the Unwind of Medicaid Continuous Coverage

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Where Do We Stand?

Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023

- De-coupled Public Health Emergency from continuous Medicaid coverage
- Continuous coverage protection ends March 31, 2023
- Redetermination letters begin in March
- Disenrollments can begin in April

Gains & Losses

Medicaid Coverage Gains

- 1.77 million additional enrollees in FL since March 2020

Anticipated Losses

- 900,000 cases identified as likely ineligible
- Additional 850,000 cases with outdated address

Groups Most Likely to Lose Coverage

- Parents whose income increased
- Parents who no longer have a minor child
- Kids (HHS estimates 72% will remain eligible)
- 19-20 Year Olds
- Former foster care youth who turned 26 since March 2020
- Postpartum women > 12 months
- Elderly or Disabled who are now on Medicare

Anticipated Challenges

- Unprecedented work for agencies
- Staff shortages
- Inexperienced/new staff
- Enrollees who have never gone thru redetermination
- Low *ex parte* renewal rate
- Extensive reliance on mail
- High rates of relocation/address changes

What Happens to Newly Disenrolled?

- Marketplace enrollment (special enrollment period through July 31, 2024 for those who lose Medicaid)
- KidCare/Healthy Kids
- Coverage Gap (FQHCs, public hospital, charity care)

Advocacy Opportunities

Over-arching Goal: Mitigating Coverage Loss

- Join our statewide listserve
- Education: let your patients, clients, networks know what's happening
 - Lots of existing resources!
- Track outcomes
 - Identify themes, recurring issues, potential solutions
 - Feedback loop is critical for accountability
 - Coordinate with statewide groups
- Have a plan!
 - Referrals to marketplace, FQHCs, public hospital
 - Identify legal and social service resources

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