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Important Notice Regarding Medicaid Unwinding of the Continuous Enrollment Condition

Dear Title V Maternal and Child Health and State Medicaid Colleagues:

As you know, in 2020, states implemented several changes in Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), generally permitted by new legislation passed by Congress, to help prevent people from losing health coverage during the COVID-19 pandemic. One of these changes was a Medicaid continuous enrollment condition, under which states were required to maintain Medicaid enrollment for most individuals who were enrolled in Medicaid on or after March 18, 2020, through March 31, 2023, in exchange for an increase federal Medicaid funding. This continuous enrollment condition ended on March 31, 2023, and states must now determine who continues to qualify for Medicaid coverage prior to terminating individuals who are no longer eligible. States will have approximately 12 months to complete these redeterminations.

Medicaid and CHIP provide critical maternal and child health services. To assist families during the unwinding period, we encourage State Maternal and Child Health leaders to work together with State Medicaid leaders to help parents and children understand and respond to the Medicaid eligibility review process and help those who need to transition to other coverage – like CHIP or Marketplace coverage – get connected seamlessly to these benefits.

States have the flexibility to expend Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant funds to support these efforts to help assist families in complying with Medicaid eligibility reviews or enrolling in other affordable health care coverage. As a trusted community partner, Title V programs are well-positioned to work with Medicaid programs in guiding families in the redetermination process.

Partnerships between state [Title V Maternal and Child Health \(MCH\) Services Block Grant](#) programs and state [Medicaid and CHIP](#) programs can help women and children, including children and youth with special health care needs, avoid losing access to coverage and needed health care. By working together, state Medicaid and Maternal and Child Health agencies can better leverage resources for these efforts and reach broader networks of local providers who serve Medicaid-eligible maternal and child health populations, such as home visiting programs, WIC programs, early screening and intervention programs, and others. This is also an opportunity for state Title V and state Medicaid programs to review and update required existing Inter-Agency Agreements or Memoranda of Understanding to strengthen collaboration, including insurance coverage outreach efforts.

The Health Resources and Services Administration and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services encourage collaboration to assist the individuals, children, and families we all are committed to serving as they navigate the redetermination process. Thank you for your work and your shared commitment to helping families get the services and supports they need.

Sincerely,

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Resources and Guidance

- *[Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant](#) programs do not need to seek prior approval to use Title V funds for these efforts if expenditures are in accordance with state/jurisdiction fiscal policies and consistent with the MCH block grant statute (e.g., 30/30/10 funding restrictions).*
- *Review beneficiary notices, to ensure they are understandable to all families and are linguistically and culturally appropriate. CMS's [Unwinding Communications Toolkit](#) provides key messages and materials to use when communicating with families and their networks about Medicaid and CHIP Continuous Enrollment Unwinding. The toolkit is available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#) and some outreach materials have been translated to [Chinese](#), [Hindi](#), [Korean](#), [Tagalog](#), and [Vietnamese](#).*
- *Marketplaces served by [HealthCare.gov](#) will provide additional flexibility (March 31, 2023 – July 31, 2024) for eligible individuals and families to enroll in Marketplace coverage outside of the normal enrollment period: <https://www.cms.gov/technical-assistance-resources/temp-sep-unwinding-faq.pdf>*
- *Consumers can find local assisters in their area that can help them enroll in health coverage: <https://localhelp.healthcare.gov/>*
- *Title V state and regional contact information on MCH Directors, Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Directors, and State Family or Youth Leaders: <https://mchb.tvisdata.hrsa.gov/Home/StateContacts>*
- *Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs, with support from HRSA's Maternal and Child Health Bureau, developed a fact sheet outlining opportunities for partnership in the redetermination process: [The Unwinding of the COVID-19 Medicaid Continuous Coverage Requirement: Opportunities for Title V Programs to Protect Coverage for Children and Families During the Medicaid Redetermination Process](#)*
- *Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs webinars and regional calls archive: <https://amchp.org/?s=unwinding>*