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Millions Are Losing Medicaid Coverage: Here's How Justice-Involved Populations Are Impacted

Medicaid and CHIP program enrollment





Public Health Unwinding and the End of Continuous Enrollment

According to a recent Kaiser Family Foundation report, **Medicaid and CHIP program enrollment increased from 23.3 million to more than 94 million since February 2020** due primarily to continuous enrollment conditions implemented by states during the Public Health Emergency.

An estimate of at least 5.4 million Medicaid enrollees have been disenrolled in 46 states and DC with publicly available unwinding data, as of August 28, 2023.

States' Plans for Approaching the Unwinding



GRAPH SOURCE: https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/10-things-to-know-about-the-unwinding-of-the-medicaid-continuous-enrollment-provision/



States Engaging Managed Care Organizations

According to waivers submitted to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, **31 States are engaging MCOs for Updated Beneficiary Contact Information and 8 States engaging MCOs for Plan Auto-Re-enrollment.**

SOURCE: https://www.medicaid.gov/covid-19-phe-unwinding-s ection-1902e14a-waiver-approvals/index.html

Managed Care Organizations Role in Returning to Regular Eligibility and Enrollment Operations

State Actions to Coordinate with Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) During the Unwinding Period, January 2023

Number of States Reporting: 49

Managed Care Plans are supporting states in promotion continuity of coverage for eligible individuals by:

- Providing updated beneficiary contact information
- Conducting outreach and providing support during the Renewal Period
- Helping individuals enrolled in their Medicaid Managed Care Plan Complete the Renewal Process
- Minimizing churning due to loss of coverage
- Facilitating transitions from Medicaid to the Marketplace if ineligible for Medicaid and CHIP

SOURCE: https://www.medicaid.gov/resources-for-states/downloads/health-plan-strategy.pdf Taking any action

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Sending advance lists of members who are up for renewal

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Accepting updated contact information from MCOs*

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Sending advance lists of members at-risk of dis-enrollment for procedural reasons

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Sending lists of members enrolled, identifying members no longer eligible or dis-enrolled for procedural reasons

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NOTE: * Responses to "Accepting updated contact information from MCOs" reported from CMS data (reporting states = 51). Five states use a fee-for-service model and do not contract with MCOs. Ohio and Texas did not report on KFF/CCF survey.

SOURCE: Based on results from a national survey conducted by KFF and the Georgetown University Center for Children and Families, 2023 and "COVID-19 PHE Unwinding Section 1902(e)(14)(A) Waiver Approvals, as of February 24, 2023," CMS

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Incarcerated individuals are already at a greater risk for health issues:

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3X The Rate of Serious Mental Illness

4 X The Rate of Substance Abuse Disorders

Higher Rate of Active Tuberculosis, HIV, Hepatitis C

Justice Involved Populations are at a Greater Risk

Justice-Involved Individuals are at a greater risk for losing Medicaid coverage as they may not receive important renewal notices while incarcerated.

SOURCE: Medicaid and CHIP Learning Collaboratives, Medicaid and Justice-Involved Populations: Strategies to Increase Coverage and Care Coordination (2017).

How Incarceration Data Can Help Justice-Involved Individuals Maintain Healthcare Coverage

By using Incarceration Intelligence data solutions, MCOs can gain insight into healthcare needs of justice-involved populations in their service areas. This data can provide near-real time alerts when an individual is booked or released, allowing MCOs to maintain up-to-date contact information for outreach and identify high-risk individuals.

The end of continuous Medicaid enrollment presents a challenge for MCOs supporting justice-involved populations. However, by utilizing incarceration data and partnering with resources like Equifax, MCOs can develop effective healthcare strategies that meet beneficiary needs while reducing cost and improving capitation management.

If you want to know more about how our data solutions can mitigate PHE unwinding impacts, improve cost of care, coordination of care, and quality of care for incarcerated Medicaid members, please visit totalverify.equifax.com/solutions/medicaid-managed-care-organizations.

