

# COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY (PHE) UNWINDING RESOURCES

# FEDERAL AGENCY (CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES) KEY RESOURCES

## 1. CMS PHE UNWINDING GUIDANCE

SHO# 22-001 RE: Promoting Continuity of Coverage and Distributing Eligibility and Enrollment Workload in Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and Basic Health Program (BHP) Upon Conclusion of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (March 3, 2022) https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/sho22001.pdf

SHO# 21-002 RE: Updated Guidance Related to Planning for the Resumption of Normal State Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and Basic Health Program (BHP) Operations Upon Conclusion of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (August 13, 2021) https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/sho-21-002.pdf

SHO# 20-004 RE: Planning for the Resumption of Normal State Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and Basic Health Program (BHP) Operations Upon Conclusion of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (Dec 22, 2020)

https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/sho20004.pdf

Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Renewal Requirements (December 4, 2020)

https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/cib120420.pdf

# 2. <u>CMS FAQs</u>

COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for State Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Agencies (Updated Jan 6, 2021)

https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/downloads/covid-19-faqs.pdf

# 3. <u>CMS TOOLKITS & TOOLS</u>

Top 10 Fundamental Actions to Prepare for Unwinding and Resources to Support State Efforts (June 2022)

https://www.medicaid.gov/resources-for-states/downloads/top-10-fundamental-actions-to-preparefor-unwinding-and-resources-to-support-state-efforts.pdf



Eligibility & Enrollment Processing for Medicaid, CHIP, and BHP During COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Unwinding: Key Requirements for Compliance (CMS, May 17, 2022) https://www.medicaid.gov/resources-for-states/downloads/eligibility-enrollment-rules.pdf

Medicaid and CHIP Unwinding Planning Efforts: Summary of Best & Promising State Practices from CMS/State Discussions (April 2022)

https://www.medicaid.gov/resources-for-states/downloads/state-unwinding-best-practices.pdf

Strategic Approaches to Support State Fair Hearings as States Resume Normal Eligibility and Enrollment Operations After the COVID-19 PHE (April 2022) https://www.medicaid.gov/resources-for-states/downloads/strat-apps-state-fair-hearings.pdf

Medicaid and CHIP Continuous Enrollment Unwinding: A Communications Toolkit (March 2022) https://www.medicaid.gov/resources-for-states/downloads/unwinding-comms-toolkit.pdf

Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program Return to Normal Operations: Eligibility and Enrollment Pending Actions Resolution Planning Tool – Version 2.0 (March 2022) https://www.medicaid.gov/resources-for-states/downloads/medicaid-chip-covid19-health-emergencyeligibility-enrollment-pending-actions-resolution-planning-tool.docx

Risk Assessment Tool for Evaluating COVID-19 Flexibilities and Waivers (July 15, 2021) https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/downloads/risk-assessment-tool-webinar.pdf

General Transition Planning Tool for Restoring Regular Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program Operations after Conclusion of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Public Health Emergency https://www.medicaid.gov/resources-for-states/downloads/general-transition-planning-toolrestoring-regular-medicaid-chip-operations-conclusion-covid19-health-emergency.docx

#### **Risk Assessment Template**

https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/downloads/risk-assessment-template.docx

## 4. CMS FACT SHEET ON IFR

### CMS-9912 Interim Final Rule with Comment Factsheet on Updated Policy for Maintaining Medicaid Enrollment during the Public Health Emergency for COVID-19

https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/downloads/covid-19-tech-factsheet-ifc-433400.pdf

# 5. CMS STRATEGIES TO MAINTAIN COVERAGE

Creating a Roadmap for the End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (Aug 18, 2022) https://www.cms.gov/blog/creating-roadmap-end-covid-19-public-health-emergency



Health Care System Resiliency Fact Sheet (CMS, August 2022) https://www.cms.gov/files/document/health-care-system-resiliency-fact-sheet.pdf

Addressing Medicaid and CHIP Procedural Terminations in States that Operate a State-Based Marketplace with Account Transfers (June 30, 2022)

https://www.medicaid.gov/resources-for-states/downloads/medicaid-chip-proceduralterminations.pdf

Overview of Strategic Approach to Engaging Managed Care Plans to Maximize Continuity of Coverage as States Resume Normal Eligibility and Enrollment Operations (March 2022 UPDATE) https://www.medicaid.gov/resources-for-states/downloads/health-plan-strategy.pdf

Consumer Research on Unwinding Phase I: Preventing Churn (March 2022) https://www.medicaid.gov/sites/default/files/2022-03/Consumer%20Research%20on%20Unwinding%20Phase%20I\_508.pdf

Strategies States and the U.S. Territories Can Adopt to Maintain Coverage of Eligible Individuals as They Return to Normal Operations (Nov 2021)

https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/downloads/strategies-for-covrg-of-indiv.pdf

Connecting Kids to Coverage: State Outreach, Enrollment and Retention Strategies (Nov 2021) https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/downloads/kids-coverg-outreach-enrolmntretention-strategies.pdf

Ensuring Continuity of Coverage and Preventing Inappropriate Terminations for Eligible Medicaid and CHIP Beneficiaries: Part 2 (Aug 2021)

https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/downloads/mac-learning-collaboratives/ensrngcontnty-cvrg-prvntng-inprprte-trmntns-part-2.pdf

Ensuring Continuity of Coverage and Preventing Inappropriate Terminations for Eligible Medicaid and CHIP Beneficiaries: Part 1 (July 2021)

<u>https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/downloads/mac-learning-collaboratives/ensrng-</u> <u>contnty-cvrg-prvntng-inprprte-trmntns-part-1.pdf</u>

# 6. <u>CMS GENERAL RESOURCES</u>

COVID-19 PHE Unwinding Section 1902(e)(14)(A) Waiver Approvals (added Aug 2022) https://www.medicaid.gov/covid-19-phe-unwinding-section-1902e14a-waiver-approvals/index.html



Unwinding and Returning to Regular Operations after COVID-19 (CMS PHE Unwinding Landing Page) https://www.medicaid.gov/resources-for-states/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/unwinding-andreturning-regular-operations-after-covid-19/index.html

#### General: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Resources website

https://www.medicaid.gov/resources-for-states/disaster-response-toolkit/coronavirus-disease-2019covid-19/index.html

Coronavirus (COVID-19) CMS Partner Resources:

https://www.cms.gov/outreach-education/partner-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-partner-resources

#### CMS Podcast and Transcripts (Medicaid and CHIP All State Calls)

https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/OpenDoorForums/PodcastAndTranscripts

#### **CMS National Stakeholder Calls**

https://www.cms.gov/outreach-education/partner-resources/cms-national-stakeholder-calls

## 7. <u>CMS – MEDICAID DATA</u>

#### Monthly Medicaid & CHIP Application, Eligibility Determination, and Enrollment Reports & Data

<u>https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/national-medicaid-chip-program-information/medicaid-chip-enrollment-data/monthly-medicaid-chip-application-eligibility-determination-and-enrollment-reports-data/index.html</u>

#### **Medicaid and CHIP Enrollment Trend Snapshot**

https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/program-information/medicaid-chip-enrollment-data/medicaidand-chip-enrollment-trend-snapshot/index.html

## **KEY COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS & LAWS**

Specific HHS Jan 14, 2022 notice of PHE Renewal (90 days, expiring on October 13, 2022) https://aspr.hhs.gov/legal/PHE/Pages/COVID19-14Jan2022.aspx

Notice on the Continuation of the National Emergency Concerning the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic (Presidential Action, February 18, 2022)

https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/02/18/notice-on-thecontinuation-of-the-national-emergency-concerning-the-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19pandemic-2/

Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) Secretary Initial PHE Declaration https://www.phe.gov/emergency/news/healthactions/phe/Pages/2019-nCoV.aspx



All subsequent HHS PHE declarations https://www.phe.gov/emergency/news/healthactions/phe/Pages/default.aspx

HHS Secretary Letter to State Governors stating HHS will provide states with 60 days' notice prior to termination" of the PHE

https://ccf.georgetown.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Public-Health-Emergency-Message-to-Governors.pdf

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act: Section 6008 (PUBLIC LAW 116–127—MAR. 18, 2020) https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/6201/text

Interim Final Rule (IFR) (Nov 6, 2020) https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-11-06/pdf/2020-24332.pdf

Federal Declarations and Flexibilities Supporting Medicaid and CHIP COVID-19 Response Efforts Effective and End Dates (State Health & Values Strategies, July 18, 2022)

https://www.shvs.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/COVID-19-Emergency-Flexibility-Timelines-07.18.2022.pdf

Federal Declarations and Flexibilities Supporting Medicaid and CHIP COVID-19 Response Efforts Effective and End Dates (SHVS, January 14, 2022)

https://www.shvs.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/COVID-19-Emergency-Flexibility-Timelines-Product-01.14.2022.pdf

# **OTHER RESOURCES (NON-CMS)**

# 1. ADVOCACY MATERIALS & ISSUE BRIEFS

Unwinding the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency: Checklist for Redeterminations (NHeLP) https://healthlaw.org/resource/unwinding-the-covid-19-public-health-emergency-checklist-forredeterminations/

Public Health Emergency –Unwind: Advocates' Questions for Single State Agency/Medical Care Advisory Committee (NHeLP, *available on request*)

Unwinding the Medicaid Continuous Enrollment Provision: Projected Enrollment Effects and Policy Approaches (ASPE, Aug 19, 2022)

https://aspe.hhs.gov/reports/unwinding-medicaid-continuous-enrollment-provision



Ensuring Continuity of Care for Individuals Transitioning from Medicaid to Marketplace: Post-PHE Considerations for States (SHVS, July 21, 2022)

<u>https://www.shvs.org/ensuring-continuity-of-care-for-individuals-transitioning-from-medicaid-to-marketplace-post-phe-considerations-for-states/</u>

States Can Reduce Medicaid's Administrative Burdens to Advance Health and Racial Equity (CBPP, CLASP July 19, 2022)

https://www.cbpp.org/sites/default/files/7-19-22health.pdf

Medicaid Public Health Emergency Unwinding Policies Affecting Seniors & People with Disabilities: Findings from a 50-State Survey (KFF, July 11, 2022)

https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/medicaid-public-health-emergency-unwinding-policiesaffecting-seniors-people-with-disabilities-findings-from-a-50-state-survey/

Leveraging Section 1902(e)(14) Waiver Authority Amid Unwinding (SHVS, June 16, 2022) https://www.shvs.org/leveraging-section-1902e14-waiver-authority-amid-unwinding/

Using Marketplace Retroactive Coverage to Facilitate Continuous Enrollment in the Public Health Emergency Unwinding (SHVS, June 15, 2022)

https://www.shvs.org/using-marketplace-retroactive-coverage-to-facilitate-continuous-enrollment-inthe-public-health-emergency-unwinding/

Improving Ex Parte Renewal Rates: State Diagnostic Assessment Tool (SHVS, June 9, 2022) https://www.shvs.org/resource/improving-ex-parte-renewal-rates-state-diagnostic-assessment-tool/

Ensuring Continuity of Coverage and Care for High Need Enrollees When the Medicaid Continuous Coverage Ends: Medicaid Strategies (SHVS, June 1, 2022)

https://www.shvs.org/ensuring-continuity-of-coverage-and-care-for-high-need-enrollees-when-themedicaid-continuous-coverage-ends-medicaid-strategies/

Ensuring Continuity of Coverage and Care for High Need Enrollees When the Medicaid Continuous Coverage Ends: Medicaid Strategies (SHVS, June 1, 2022)

https://www.shvs.org/ensuring-continuity-of-coverage-and-care-for-high-need-enrollees-when-themedicaid-continuous-coverage-ends-medicaid-strategies/

Planning for the End of the Continuous Coverage Requirement: Communications Resources for States (SHVS, May 2022)

https://www.shvs.org/unwinding-toolkit/



# Time to Get It Right: State Actions Now Can Preserve Medicaid Coverage When Public Health Emergency Ends (CBPP, May 18, 2022)

https://www.cbpp.org/sites/default/files/5-18-22health.pdf

## Unwinding Medicaid Continuous Coverage FAQ (CBPP, May 2022)

https://www.healthreformbeyondthebasics.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Unwinding-FAQ-5.22.pdf

Unwinding the Maintenance of Effort Requirement at the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE): The Role of Title V Programs (BU School of Social Work - The Catalyst Center, 2022) <u>https://ciswh.org/resources/phe-moe</u>

Medicaid Programs Should Protect Health Care for Millions of Families by Implementing a New Federal Option for SNAP-Based Electronic Renewal (Families USA, April 2022) https://familiesusa.org/resources/medicaid-programs-should-protect-health-care-for-millions-of-families-by-implementing-a-new-federal-option-for-snap-based-electronic-renewal/

Leveraging Managed Care Plans to Support Medicaid Continuous Coverage Unwinding Toolkit (SHVS, April 26, 2022)

https://www.shvs.org/resource/leveraging-managed-care-plans-to-support-medicaid-continuouscoverage-unwinding-toolkit/

Unwinding the Continuous Coverage Requirement: Developing a Communications Plan (SHVS, April 18, 2022)

https://www.shvs.org/resource/planning-for-the-end-of-the-continuous-coverage-requirement-acommunications-toolkit-for-states/

<u>Report: Preventing Disruptions to Coverage and Care After the Public Health Emergency</u> (CAP, April 2022)

Public Health Emergency (PHE) Unwinding Reporting Requirements: Considerations for States (SHVS, April 1, 2022)

https://www.shvs.org/public-health-emergency-phe-unwinding-reporting-requirementsconsiderations-for-states/

The End of the Public Health Emergency Will Prompt Massive Transitions in Health Insurance Coverage: How State Insurance Regulators Can Prepare (GU-CHIR, March 30, 2022) <u>https://www.shvs.org/resource/the-end-of-the-public-health-emergency-will-prompt-massive-transitions-in-health-insurance-coverage-how-state-insurance-regulators-can-prepare/</u>



Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Enrollment Policies as of January 2022: Findings from a 50-State Survey (KFF, March 2022)

https://files.kff.org/attachment/REPORT-Medicaid-and-CHIP-Eligibility-and-Enrollment-Policies-as-of-January-2022.pdf

Preparing for the Biggest Coverage Event Since the Affordable Care Act (Urban Instit., March 2022) https://www.rwjf.org/en/library/research/2022/03/preparing-for-the-biggest-coverage-event-sincethe-affordable-care-act.html

State Policy and IT System Strategies to Prepare for PHE Unwinding: Updating Medicaid Enrollee Address Information and Responding to Returned Mail (Manatt Health, McKinsey & Company, October 25, 2021)

<u>https://www.shvs.org/state-policy-and-it-system-strategies-to-prepare-for-phe-unwinding-updating-medicaid-enrollee-address-information-and-responding-to-returned-mail/</u>

The End of the COVID Public Health Emergency: Potential Health Equity Implications of Ending Medicaid Continuous Coverage (Manatt Health, September 17, 2021)

https://www.shvs.org/the-end-of-the-covid-public-health-emergency-potential-health-equityimplications-of-ending-medicaid-continuous-coverage/

What Will Happen to Unprecedented High Medicaid Enrollment after the Public Health Emergency? (Urban Institute, Sept 2021)

https://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/publication/104785/what-will-happen-to-unprecedentedhigh-medicaid-enrollment-after-the-public-health-emergency\_0.pdf

Webinar Series: Unwinding the COVID-19 Medicaid Continuous Eligibility Provision (CBPP & Georgetown Center for Children & Families (CCF), August 2, 2021) https://ccf.georgetown.edu/2021/08/02/webinar-series-unwinding-the-covid-19-medicaidcontinuous-eligibility-provision/

Unwinding the Medicaid Continuous Coverage Provision: What States Can Do Now to Keep Eligible People Covered (CBPP, Mar. 23, 2021)

https://www.cbpp.org/research/health/unwinding-the-medicaid-continuous-coverage-provision-whatstates-can-do-now-to-keep



State Strategies to Support Medicaid/CHIP Eligibility & Enrollment in Response to COVID-19 - webinar (Manatt Health and GMMB, April 29, 2020)

https://www.shvs.org/resource/state-strategies-to-support-medicaid-chip-eligibility-enrollment-inresponse-to-covid-19/

# 2. OTHER DATA SOURCES

Monthly Medicaid Enrollment Data by State [Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF)] https://www.kff.org/other/state-indicator/medicaid-and-chip-monthlyenrollment/?currentTimeframe=0&sortModel=%7B%22colId%22:%22Location%22,%22sort%22:%22as c%22%7D

## Distribution of the Nonelderly with Medicaid by Race/Ethnicity (State Health Facts, KFF)

https://www.kff.org/medicaid/state-indicator/medicaid-distribution-nonelderly-byraceethnicity/?currentTimeframe=0&sortModel=%7B%22colId%22:%22Location%22,%22sort%22:%22 asc%22%7D

Tracking Medicaid Enrollment Growth During COVID-19 Databook (Manatt, March 4, 2022) https://www.shvs.org/resource/tracking-medicaid-enrollment-growth-during-covid-19-databook/

Analysis of Recent National Trends in Medicaid and CHIP Enrollment (KFF, March 3, 2022) https://www.kff.org/coronavirus-covid-19/issue-brief/analysis-of-recent-national-trends-in-medicaidand-chip-enrollment/

Race/Ethnicity Data in CMS Medicaid (T-MSIS) Analytic Files Updated December 2021 – Features 2019 Data [State Health Access Data Assistance Center (SHADAC), Jan 2022]

https://www.shadac.org/news/raceethnicity-data-cms-medicaid-t-msis-analytic-files-updateddecember-2021-%E2%80%93-features-2019

Tracking the Data on Medicaid's Continuous Coverage Unwinding (SHADAC, Jan 21, 2022) https://www.shvs.org/tracking-the-data-on-medicaids-continuous-coverage-unwinding/

IT Systems and Data Strategies to Prepare for Medicaid Continuous Coverage Unwinding (SHVS, Manatt Health and McKinsey & Company, November 10, 2021

https://www.shvs.org/resource/policy-operational-and-it-system-strategies-to-prepare-for-pheunwinding/

The End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency: Data and IT "Table Stakes" for Retaining Coverage Gains (SHVS, October 25, 2021)

https://www.shvs.org/resource/the-end-of-the-covid-19-public-health-emergency-data-and-it-tablestakes-for-retaining-coverage-gains/