

# **Ending Medicaid Continuous Coverage**

An Explanation of Upcoming Changes



- In March 2020, Louisiana Medicaid changed some of its eligibility rules in response to the federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE). This included stopping closures for most Medicaid members.
- The recent passage of the 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) ends this continuous Medicaid coverage.
- As a result, beginning in April 2023, Medicaid will re-start reviewing eligibility for Medicaid members and closing anyone who is not eligible.
- Louisiana Medicaid currently provides health insurance coverage to just over two million individuals throughout the state which equates to approximately 40% of the Louisiana population.



#### Redetermination Timeline

Eligibility
redetermination is
scheduled to begin at
the end of April 2023
for the June 2023
renewal population.

The first letters will mail out late April/first of May with a May 1, 2023 date.

The first closures will be effective July 1, 2023.

Renewals will be staggered over 12 months, taking 14 months total to complete redetermination.



- Some eligibility reviews can be completed by using information from electronic databases.
  - Many will require additional information which will require members to respond to mail.
- For this reason, it is VITAL that members confirm that Medicaid has their most up-to-date contact information, including cell phone numbers and email addresses.
  - LDH will allow individuals to submit requested information over the phone, via mail or email, online, and in-person
  - LDH will pre-populate renewal forms for individuals enrolled in Medicaid, CHIP, and BHP on a MAGI basis, consistent with federal requirements.
- Members who do not respond to requests for information risk losing their coverage, even if they are eligible.



#### Member Outreach and Education

- CAA places new requirements on states:
  - States must attempt a good faith effort in obtaining updated contact information from members prior to redetermining.
  - If a state receives a returned renewal packet with no updated address, states are required to attempt to reach the member in a second modality (ie. text, phone, etc.)
- Medicaid has launched an extensive outreach and communications campaign that includes traditional paid media and grassroots efforts to reach Medicaid members.
- We've already started television, radio and billboard advertisements.



## Member Outreach and Education (contd.)

- And, in collaboration with our health plans, Medicaid has mailed out a second round of "pink letters" to all Medicaid households to confirm their contact information.
- Any member who does not get a pink letter by the first of April probably has outdated contact information.
- They need to update that information as soon as possible by contacting Medicaid or their health plan.





### Assistance Requested

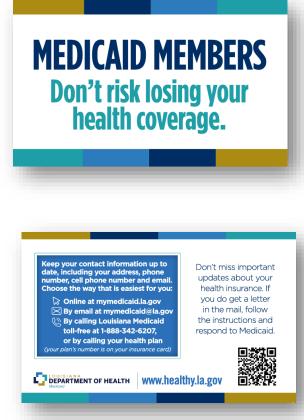
- We have also created flyers, cards and posters to help spread awareness and encourage members to update their contact information and watch for and respond to mail from Louisiana Medicaid.
  - The signage includes a QR code that provides members a link they can use to update their information.
- We are seeking your support to help prepare your Medicaid member patients for the upcoming redetermination process by:
  - Posting our signs in your office and sharing them with your patients.
  - Encouraging your patients to make sure Medicaid has their latest contact information, so they don't miss important mail and risk losing their health coverage.
  - Using our contact information form to get the latest contact information updated for your patients.



#### Outreach Materials



Poster/Flyer



Two-Sided Card

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MEMBER INI Name:	FORMATION:					
Medicaid ID: Social Sec		Social Secu	urity Number:		Date of Birth:	
Please include all a are required to pro		ber's name, do	ate of birth and a	t least the <u>last f</u>	our numbers o	f the Social Security Number
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**Contact Update Form** 



#### Member Resources

- The flyers, cards, forms and other materials are available in a tool kit available at <a href="www.healthy.la.gov">www.healthy.la.gov</a>.
- You can print these now, but we are also working to get copies of these to providers in the near future.
- Members can update contact information by:
  - Logging on to MyMedicaid.la.gov,
  - Emailing MyMedicaid@la.gov,
  - Calling their health plan on the number on their ID card or
  - Calling Medicaid's Customer Service Center at 1-888-342-6207. Assistance is available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. 4:30 p.m.
  - Completing the Contact Update Form, found here: ldh.la.gov/assets/HealthyLa/Resources/ContactInformationForm.pdf



### Key Messages for Medicaid Members

- Louisiana Medicaid is resuming eligibility reviews.
- Medicaid members need to:
  - ✓ Keep their contact information up to date, including your cell phone number and email address.
  - ✓ Check their mail for letters from Louisiana Medicaid/LaCHIP.
  - ✓ Respond to requests for information. Not responding could cause members to lose their health coverage, even if they are eligible.

### THANK YOU

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