

# MEDICAID REDETERMINATION

## Preparing for the Unwinding of the Continuous Coverage Requirement



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ACHP and its member companies are committed to protecting Medicaid enrollees' access to affordable health coverage options once states begin to resume normal operations and conduct Medicaid eligibility redeterminations. Medicaid redetermination is the annual process of renewing eligibility for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) enrollees.

Thanks to flexibilities granted to states during the Public Health Emergency (PHE), such as continuous eligibility for enrollees and a 6.2 percent enhanced federal Medicaid funding match, nearly **90 million Americans** are covered by Medicaid or CHIP. But, beginning April 1, as mandated by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, states will incrementally lose those flexibilities, and each state will have to redetermine eligibility for everyone currently enrolled in the program.

### DURING REDETERMINATION



**15 million**

people are likely to lose Medicaid coverage



**8.2 million**

will leave the program due to loss of eligibility



**6.8 million**

will erroneously lose coverage despite still being eligible

ACHP member companies are reaching out to alert consumers to update their personal information to ensure access to continuous coverage. Strategies include issuing joint—and often co-branded—letters with states to let consumers know about redetermination and **provide guidance on how they can apply** to see if they still qualify for Medicaid. Additionally, ACHP member plans have deployed increased outreach to populations who experience higher churn and systemic barriers to entry in the Medicaid program to **mitigate erroneous loss of coverage**.

ACHP member plans also plan to use new flexibility granted by an FCC guidance that **permits health plans to text consumers** pertinent coverage information—flexibility ACHP has long advocated for. The guidance will allow health plans to conduct timely outreach via texting en masse, ensuring that this vulnerable population can maintain access to critical care.

ACHP member companies are **committed to ensuring continuity of coverage for its consumers** and look forward to assisting consumers to navigate smooth transitions to alternate forms of coverage.