

Medicaid and CHIP Renewals: What to Know and How to Prepare

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CMS Updates and Overview of Recent Releases

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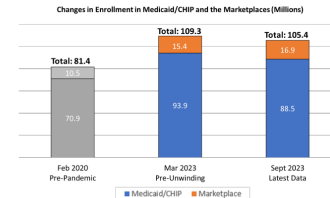
Recent Medicaid and CHIP Releases: Data Snapshots

- In December 2023, CMS released two new data snapshots on Medicaid and CHIP enrollment in December 2023, in addition to regular monthly releases.
- These resources highlight some of the impact of recent Medicaid and CHIP renewals on enrollment for children, youth, and adults.
 - ***Medicaid, CHIP and Marketplace Enrollments: Enrollment Trends Update***
 - ***Medicaid and CHIP Enrollment: Child and Youth Data Snapshot***
- Resources are available at [Medicaid.gov/unwinding-data](https://www.Medicaid.gov/unwinding-data).

Medicaid and CHIP Enrollment: Child and Youth Data Snapshot

December 18, 2023

Enrollment in Medicaid/CHIP and Marketplace Coverage

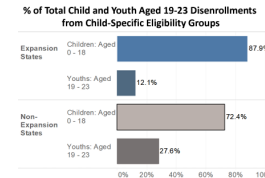


• As of September 2023, Medicaid/CHIP enrollment is about 88.5 million and Marketplace enrollment is about 16.9 million.

• Nearly 4 million (~4%) from March 2023 to July by over 3.5 million for the Marketplaces.

Coverage gap: In non-expansion states, youth aged 19 to 23 account for 27.6% of disenrollments – Medicaid expansion matters

- States with Medicaid expansion are shown to have lower rates of disenrollment of youth aged 19-23, compared with states that have not yet expanded.
- In non-expansion states, on average 27.6% of people disenrolled from child eligibility groups are youth aged 19-23, compared to only 12.1% of people in expansion states.
- Across non-expansion states, youth aged 19-23 are between 2.0% and 59.2% of child disenrollees; conversely, youth aged 19-23 are between 2.0% and 35.9% of child disenrollees in expansion states.



18.4% of national disenrollments from the child-specific eligibility groups are now youth aged 19 to 23.

Source: 141 Annual Demographic and Eligibility File (ADE), preliminary data submitted in October with disenrollments from April 1, 2023 through August 1, 2023, for all included states except California, which includes disenrollments through June 30, 2023.
Notes: This analysis includes preliminary 141 data from 48 states and the District of Columbia. The following states are excluded due to data quality issues: FL, KY, MD, PA, and WI. North Carolina is classified as a non-expansion state because the policy was not in effect during the analysis period. South Dakota is classified as an expansion state because the policy was in effect during the analysis period. Disenrollment from a child-specific eligibility group includes unique enrollees enrolled in a child-specific eligibility group at the time of disenrollment and may include youth through age 23.

Recent Medicaid and CHIP Releases: Policy Tools & Resources

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CMCS Informational Bulletin

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SUBJECT: Ensuring Eligible Children Maintain Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program Coverage

The purpose of this CMCS Informational Bulletin (CIB) is to remind states about federal eligibility requirements and available flexibilities to promote continuity of coverage of children and youth enrolled in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). As of March 2023, at the end of the Medicaid continuous enrollment condition, nearly 42 million children were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP.¹ Together, the programs provide health coverage to over half of all children in the United States (U.S.), including millions of children and youth with special health care needs. Medicaid and CHIP cover essential services and supports for children, including visits to the pediatrician, regular screenings, mental health care, childhood immunizations, and emergency care. In addition to better short-term health and well-being, Medicaid and CHIP coverage has also been shown to provide long-term health, educational, and economic gains for children. For example, in a recent analysis, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) found that an additional year of Medicaid coverage in childhood would lead to improved labor outcomes in adulthood, including higher earnings.²

It is crucial that states do all they can to protect children's health coverage. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (CAA, 2023) ended the Medicaid continuous enrollment condition on March 31, 2023, requiring states to, over time, complete full Medicaid renewals and disenroll and refer individuals to other sources of coverage if they are determined to no longer be eligible. This process is often referred to as "unwinding." CMS is particularly concerned about children that are disenrolled for procedural or administrative reasons (e.g., missing renewal form information). Many of these children are likely still eligible for coverage otherwise.

Since the beginning of the unwinding period, enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP among children has declined by 2.2 million. While some children may have transitioned to other forms of health coverage, children have higher eligibility levels than adults, and it is likely that many children that have been disenrolled for procedural reasons or other administrative barriers are still income eligible for Medicaid and CHIP coverage. This may have devastating effects on children's health and well-being.

¹ CMS, "March 2023 Medicaid and CHIP Enrollment Data Highlights," July 2023, available at <https://www.medicare.gov/medicaid-coverage-information/medicaid-and-chip-enrollment-data-recent-highlights/index.html>
² Congressional Budget Office, "Exploring the Effects of Medicaid During Childhood on the Economy and the Budget Working Paper 2023-27," November 1, 2023, available at <https://www.cbo.gov/publication/59231>

- CMS also issued several new policy resources and tools for states in December 2023, available on www.Medicaid.gov/unwinding.



Transitioning Individuals Within Medicaid Eligibility Groups and Between Medicaid and CHIP at Renewal December 2023



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Review of Key Messages and Materials

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Best Practices for Outreach and Partnering with Other Organizations

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Why Partnering With Other Organizations is Helpful to the People in Your Community

- Many different community organizations serve people who are enrolled in Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
- These organizations may not work directly in health care or Medicaid/CHIP, so they may not be aware of the important actions that people enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP need to take right now.
- These organizations have relationships with people in the community and can be a trusted voice to help share information with the people they serve.

Organizations to Partner Within Your Community

- Health Care Organizations
 - Pharmacies
 - Physician Offices
 - Community Health Centers
 - Mobile Health Clinics
 - Other Community-based Organizations and Non-profit Organizations
- Other Key Messengers of Information
 - Libraries
 - Food Banks
 - Schools and After School Programs
 - Daycares
 - Housing Authorities
 - Thrift Stores
 - Dollar Stores

How to Connect with Other Organizations in Your Community

- Use existing networks and community engagements to connect with organizations and make sure they know about Medicaid and CHIP renewals.
- Opportunities to connect with other organizations may include:
 - Community events and meetings
 - Conferences and workshops
 - Identifying coalitions and task forces in the community
 - Reaching out to professional associations
- When speaking with other organizations, it is helpful to highlight how health coverage benefits the people that they serve and the important role their organization can play in helping people keep health coverage.

Strategies to Share Information with Community Members

- **Food Banks:** Include printed resources with QR codes in food packages.
- **Faith-based Organizations:** Use the CMS Faith-based Toolkit to incorporate information about Medicaid and CHIP renewals into existing sermons or events.
- **Clinics and Health Centers:** Play informational videos in waiting rooms and use the CMS Clinical Offices and Health Care Settings Toolkit to share information through patient portals.
- **Schools and Early Education Settings:** Include information about Medicaid and CHIP renewals in school newsletters sent to parents.

Question & Answer

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UPCOMING MONTHLY WEBINAR DATES

Other webinar dates for 2024 will be announced in the future.

