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**Subject:** Unwinding and Returning to Regular Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program Operations

## **Unwinding and Returning to Regular Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program Operations**

Medicaid & Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) enrollment has grown to over 91 million individuals enrolled as of November 2022, thanks in part to the continuous enrollment period and extra funding from the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). This continuous enrollment condition ended on March 31, 2023, meaning that states will soon resume normal operations including restarting full Medicaid and CHIP eligibility renewals and terminations for individuals who are no longer eligible. HOPWA grantees and project sponsors can use the following resources to assist clients receiving health care through Medicaid and CHIP.

### **Resources**

The Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) Unwinding [webpage](#) has many resources for states, consumers, and those working with people on Medicaid. Specific resources include:

- A continuous enrollment unwinding [toolkit](#) (many languages available on main unwinding site)
- Anticipated state [timelines](#) for initiating the unwinding process.

The HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has issued a [program letter](#) regarding the Medicaid unwinding process. The letter outlines action items and resources that Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program recipients and subrecipients can utilize to assist clients to renew or enroll into new health coverage. The HAB Access, Care, and Engagement Technical Assistance (ACE TA) Center [website](#) is also updated with information about the Medicaid unwinding process.

Coverage gaps are particularly serious for people with HIV, and it is imperative that they understand their options during this period of potential coverage changes. We also want to safeguard against loss of coverage for individuals who are on PrEP. HOPWA grantees and projects can use these four key messages for clients on Medicaid:

1. Please make sure your state Medicaid program has your current contact information.
2. Please make sure to check your mail and open any letters.
3. Complete your Medicaid renewal form as soon as you receive it.
4. If you have a Ryan White or other case manager, please work with them to take any needed steps.



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