



Important Announcement for Organizations Working with Low-Income Families:

For the first time in three years, people enrolled in Medicaid will need to renew their Medicaid applications to stay enrolled and continue getting healthcare covered by Medicaid.

[Linked here is the federal guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services](#) on letting community members know about the upcoming need to renew Medicaid applications.

[Linked here is the Texas Health and Humans Services' Toolkit to help members, providers, health plans, and advocates prepare for the end of continuous Medicaid coverage.](#) Following are key points:

- **HHSC has extended Medicaid coverage for as many as 2.7 million members since March 2020.**
- The declaration of the Public Health Emergency prevented states from terminating coverage or requiring renewals for most individuals enrolled in Medicaid as long as the Public Health Emergency was in effect.
- However, under the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) passed on December 29, 2022, **this pause in Medicaid renewals is no longer linked to the end of the Public Health Emergency**
- **Beginning April 1, 2023, states will begin terminating Medicaid enrollment for individuals no longer eligible, and all Medicaid members will need to renew their Medicaid eligibility**
- Texas HHSC's unwinding approach will stagger Medicaid redeterminations over multiple months with the continuous coverage population distributed into three cohorts. [See here for HHSC's Plan to End Continuous Enrollment and members included in the different cohorts \(pg 8\)](#)
- The three actions we must emphasize with Medicaid-enrolled community members are:
 - 1. Sign up for an account at YourTexasBenefits.com** or the Your Texas Benefits mobile app;
 - 2. Update contact information** to ensure members receive important notices;
 - 3. Return renewal packets or requests for information as soon as possible.**
- For help creating a YourTexasBenefits.com account, updating contact information, completing a renewal packet, or understanding what actions to take next, community members can **call Foundation Communities' HHS Benefits Assistance program at 737-249-6394**
- Texas HHSC is finalizing processes and communication plans regarding ending the continuous Medicaid eligibility requirement and [will post updates at this link here.](#)
- For clinics, community organizations, businesses, offices, and other groups who would like flyers, presentations for staff, or other materials, please email Foundation Communities' Prosper Health Coverage Senior Program Coordinator Lynn Cowles at Lynn.Cowles@foundcom.org.