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CDC COVID Vaccine Project Goals



Q: Can I get the vaccine if I don't have insurance?

A: Yes, Covid-19 vaccines are 100% free in the United States.

- Empower nurses with necessary information to engage care teams and communities about COVID-19 vaccines.
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Supporting Patients Beyond the Public Health Emergency: Unwinding Medicaid Flexibilities and New Vaccine Programs

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Introduction

- Colorado Community Health Network (CCHN) is the primary care association for the 20 Colorado Community Health Centers (CHC).
- CHCs serve one in seven Coloradans, including 33% of Medicaid members and 22% of CHIP members.
- CCHN hosts the Covering Kids and Families project that supports over 500 enrollment professionals in the state, including at CHCs.

Our Roles

- Supporting CHCs
 - Preparing CHCs to outreach to patients and prepare for financial strains as more patients become uninsured
- Supporting enrollment professionals at CHCs and community-based organizations through Covering Kids and Families
- Advocacy
 - Policy expertise
 - Community driven: bridge between community, enrollment professionals, CHCs, and state

MEDICAID ENROLLMENT DURING THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

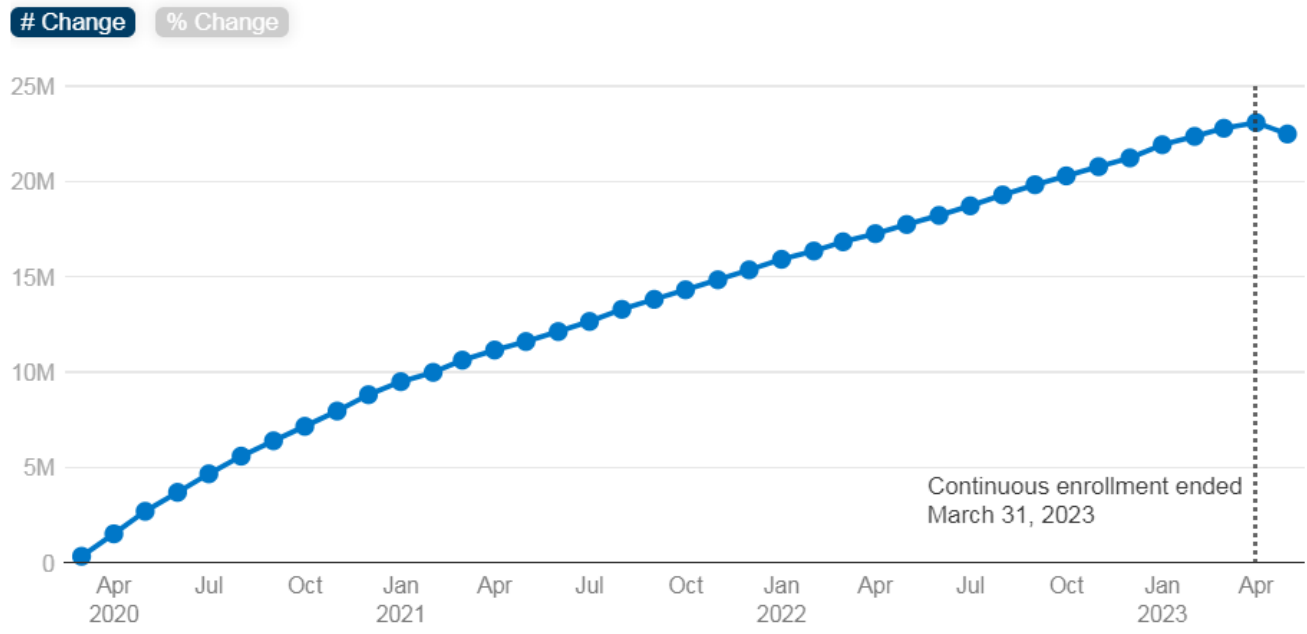
Medicaid Continuous Enrollment

- Federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) since March 2020.
 - Federal requirement that states maintain coverage for all Medicaid members.
- Beginning in April 2023, states were required to begin to ‘unwind’ the continuous enrollment policy.
- Big unknown – how many people will lose Medicaid coverage during the unwind?

Medicaid Continuous Enrollment

Figure 1
 Medicaid/CHIP enrollment increased under the continuous enrollment provision, which ended March 31, 2023

Cumulative Change In Medicaid/CHIP Enrollment Since February 2020



Medicaid Enrollment:

- Feb. 2020: 71 million
- April 2023: 94.2 million

32% increase in enrollment

NOTE: M = Millions. May 2023 data are preliminary and are subject to change in subsequent enrollment reports; all other months are based on updated enrollment reports. These data differ from those reported in monthly "Medicaid & CHIP Enrollment Snapshots" published by CMS, which report preliminary data for all months. Medicaid/CHIP enrollment reports are submitted monthly by state Medicaid agencies, reflecting enrollment on the last day of the month. With each update, states often revise data for the previous month(s) to better align with reporting criteria, such as including retroactive enrollment or other criteria. February 2020 (baseline) enrollment was 71,326,807 in the updated enrollment report.

SOURCE: CMS, Medicaid & CHIP: Monthly Application and Eligibility Reports, last updated August 31, 2023. • Get the data • PNG



Unwinding Continuous Enrollment

- States must reassess the eligibility of each Medicaid member before disenrolling, either through ex parte (automatic process) or by sending a renewal packet.
- Reasons for disenrollment:
 - Eligibility reasons (for example, being over income or aging out of a program)
 - Procedural reasons (for example, not returning a renewal packet or having returned mail)

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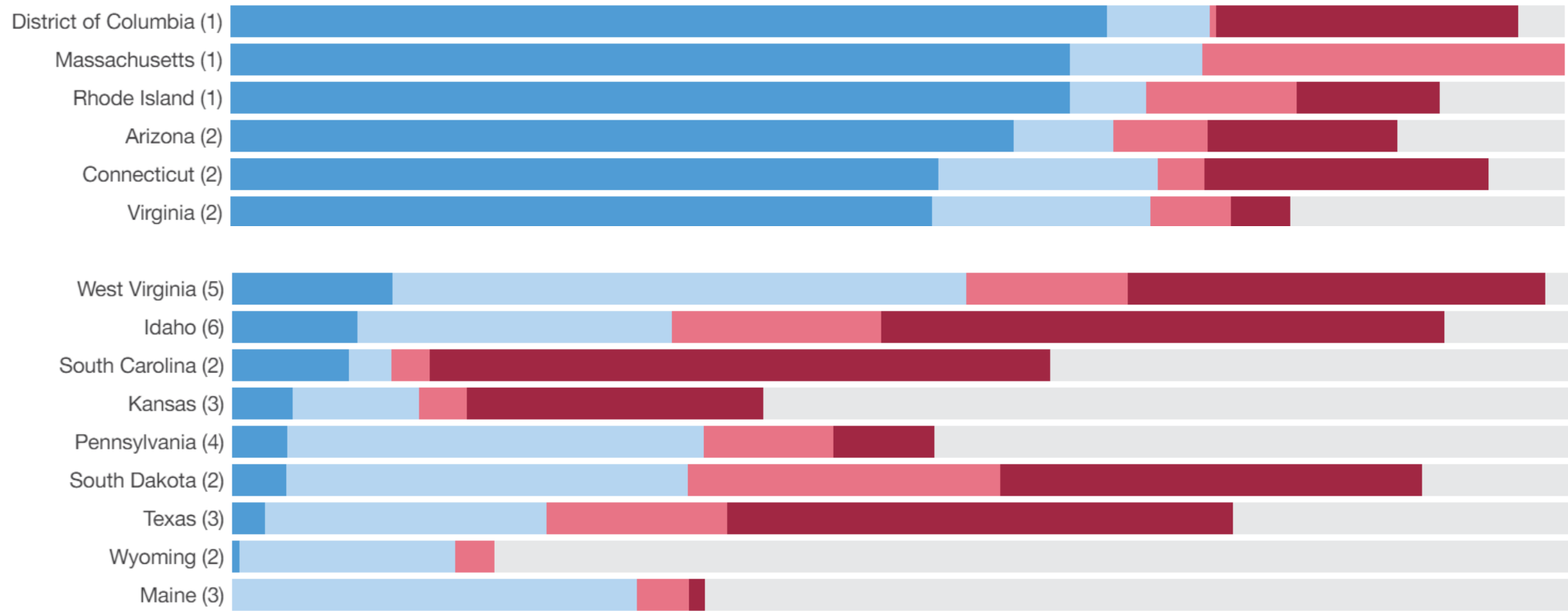
- States have a lot of flexibility in how they approach the unwind
 - Prioritization of certain populations
 - Length of unwind
 - Mitigation strategies
- Federal oversight and state data reporting requirements
 - States receive an enhanced federal match (FMAP) for complying with CMS requirements through December 31, 2023
 - CMS, [state data reporting](#)

Impact of the Unwind

- As of September 20, 2023, at least 7.1 million people have been disenrolled from Medicaid and 11.9 million people have been renewed.
 - Disenrollments vary by state. For example, 69% in Texas vs. 14% in Maine and Oregon.
- Procedural disenrollments are the most common, accounting for 73% of people disenrolled nationally.

All Renewals Due

Click to sort by: **Ex Parte Renewal** Renewal Form Ineligible Procedural Disenrollment Pending



Numbers in parentheses indicate number of months of data. Cumulative numbers are shown for states reporting multiple months. Some states may include revised reports. Number of months included in state totals depends upon when the state began redeterminations and whether the state reports data publicly.

Source: Georgetown University Center for Children and Families analysis of monthly unwinding data reports states are required to submit to CMS. These charts do not include other sources such as unwinding-specific data reports or state dashboards. • [Embed](#) • [Download image](#)

Snapshot on children

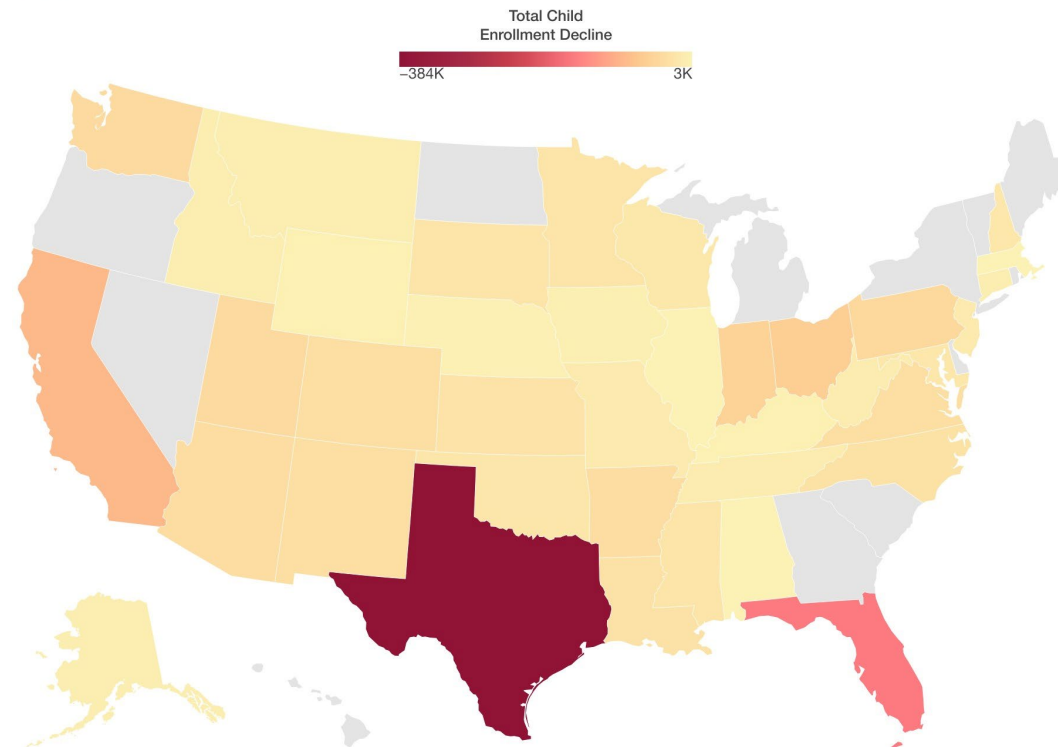
- 51% of all children in the US, or 42M, were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP in April 2023.
- Eligibility for benefits differs for children and adults – children have a higher income threshold to keep coverage, even if their parent/caretaker is over income for coverage.
- Transitions from Medicaid to CHIP are not always smooth.
- Vulnerable populations include:
 - Parents of kids under 3 who have never had to complete a Medicaid renewal for their child
 - Immigrant families
 - Children with disabilities

Snapshot on children

Child Medicaid Enrollment Declines During Unwinding

Last updated: September 2023

Among the 38 states for which we have data since the beginning of terminations, **net enrollment has declined by more than 1.2 million children**. States in grey have not posted enrollment data since starting the unwinding process.



Source: Georgetown University Center for Children and Families analysis of state enrollment data.

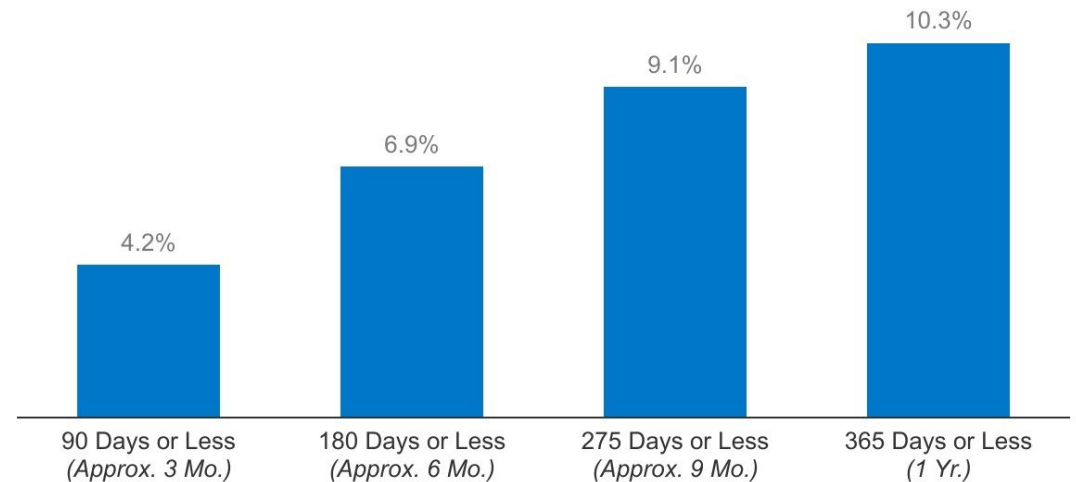
Churn and Health Disparities

- Churn: transitioning between different types of coverage and/or becoming uninsured
- Some people, including immigrants, people with limited English proficiency, people with disabilities, and older adults, are at an increased risk of losing Medicaid or experiencing a gap in coverage, even if they remain eligible
- 2017 KFF [study](#) found that among children, the churn rate was highest for Hispanic children

Figure 3

Share of Medicaid Enrollees Who Disenrolled Then Re-Enrolled In Less Than One Year

Percent of full-benefit Medicaid/CHIP enrollees who disenrolled and then re-enrolled within varying time periods, 2018



NOTE: Based on 41 states; FL, KY, ME, MS, NE, IN, OK, OR, UT, and WY were excluded due to missing or inconsistent data.

SOURCE: KFF analysis of the Transformed Medicaid Statistical Information System (T-MSIS) Analytic Files (TAF) Research Identifiable Files (RIF).

KFF

<https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/10-things-to-know-about-the-unwinding-of-the-medicaid-continuous-enrollment-provision/#three>

Messages for Patients and Community Members

- Talk to patients about Medicaid renewals. Best practices:
 - Medicaid renewals are happening now
 - Update your contact information with your state Medicaid agency
 - Look out for a notice from the state with next steps
 - Respond to all notices, even if you think you are not eligible.
- People and organizations are available to help complete a renewal
- Other coverage options are available, through an employer, the Affordable Care Act Marketplace, or Medicare.

Where do we go from here?

- According to a CBO [estimate](#), the US has 8.3% un-insurance rate in 2023
 - Uninsured rate for people with incomes below 150% FPL decreased from 17% in 2019 to 10% in 2023
- CBO estimate that 15.5M people will lose Medicaid – that 40%, or 6.2M people, will become uninsured.
- Mitigating policies:
 - Upcoming requirement to enact 12-months continuous eligibility for children (January 1, 2024)
 - Multi-year continuous enrollment for children
 - Continuous eligibility for adults

Resources

- CMS [Unwinding and Returning to Regular Operation after COVID-19](#)
 - [CMS Fact Sheet: How You Can Take Action](#)
 - [Outreach and Educational Resources](#)
- Georgetown Center for Children and Families, [50-State Unwinding Tracker](#)
- KFF, [Medicaid Enrollment and Unwinding Tracker](#)

VACCINE ACCESS PROGRAMS

Bridge Access Programs

- HHS Bridge Access Program and CDC Bridge Access Program
 - More than \$1B investment in public infrastructure and private partnership to provide no-cost COVID-19 vaccines to uninsured adults and adults whose insurance does not cover the full cost of the COVID-19 vaccine
 - Available until December 31, 2024
 - Estimated 25-30 million adults could benefit from this program
- <https://www.vaccines.gov/>

Other Vaccine Programs

- Vaccines for Children program –
 - Provides recommended vaccines at no cost to roughly half of children in the US
- Vaccines for Adults – proposed in FY23 and FY24 Presidential Budget, but not in law
- COVID-19 testing, vaccines, and treatment through Medicaid:
 - Cover all without cost sharing through September 30, 2024

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

Thank you!

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