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Projected Enrollment Impact of PHE Unwinding
Figure 3. Predicted Medicaid Coverage Loss Due to Eligibility Loss versus Administrative Churning, by Age

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<th>Age</th>
<th>Loss of Medicaid Eligibility</th>
<th>Disenrolled Despite Being Eligible for Medicaid (Administrative Churning)</th>
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<td>0-17</td>
<td>27.8%</td>
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<td>18-24</td>
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<td>25-34</td>
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Source: The HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE)
Figure 4. Predicted Medicaid Coverage Loss Due to Eligibility Loss versus Administrative Churning, by Race and Ethnicity

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What Can You Do Now?

• Sign-up to be a DHCS Coverage Ambassador!
• Remind beneficiaries they have Medi-Cal now
• Advise beneficiaries to update their contact information
  • Mailing address, phone number, email, etc.
• Help beneficiaries report changes
  • Even if beneficiaries can’t turn in paperwork, call the county!
  • Create an online account
• Contact your county to collaborate on their County COVID-19 PHE Unwinding Readiness Plan
What Can You Do When the COVID-19 PHE Ends?

• Advise beneficiaries to watch their mail
  • Yellow renewal envelopes!

• Connect beneficiaries with individuals who can help them:
  • Get back on Medi-Cal
  • Transition to other coverage (i.e. Covered California)
  • Understand their rights

• Continue to educate your communities & lift up issues/concerns
Available Assistance

• Health Consumer Alliance – 888-804-3536
  • https://healthconsumer.org/
  • Free legal assistance to help people who are struggling to get or maintain health coverage & resolve problems with their health plans

• Navigators/Enrollment Assisters
  • https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medical/eligibility/Pages/NavigatorsProject.aspx
Keep Building a Network of Helpers

• Who can help inform Medi-Cal beneficiaries about the PHE unwinding & steps to take once it ends?
  • Advocates
  • Community-based organizations
  • Family-led organizations
  • Promotoras/community health workers
  • Physicians & clinics
  • Pharmacists
  • Schools
  • Faith-based organizations
  • Managed Care Plans
Resources

• NHeLP COVID-19 PHE Unwinding Medicaid Eligibility Page
  • https://healthlaw.org/covid-19-public-health-emergency-unwinding-medicaid-eligibility/

• NHeLP Unwinding the COVID-19 PHE: Checklist for Redeterminations

• Health Consumer Alliance – 1-888-804-3536 (free legal assistance)

• Georgetown CCF 50-State Unwinding Tracker
  • https://ccf.georgetown.edu/2022/09/06/state-unwinding-tracker/

• DHCS COVID-19 PHE Unwinding Resources
  • https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/toolkits/Pages/PHE-Outreach-Toolkit.aspx

• DHCS Medi-Cal COVID-19 PHE Operational Unwinding Plan
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