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# Delay Procedural Terminations

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- ▶ DHS will extend coverage for one month for people whose September - January renewal paperwork is overdue.
- ▶ DHS previously extended coverage for one month for people whose July and August renewal paperwork was overdue. MA was closed July 31 (instead of June 30) for July renewals not completed and August 31 (Instead of July 31) for August renewals not completed.
- ▶ This helps people who may still qualify but who face **barriers such as lost or missing renewal forms**.
- ▶ The extra month lets DHS and partners **find** and **connect** with people who haven't responded.
- ▶ Despite the extension, **people should still send in renewal paperwork ASAP**.
- ▶ Enrollees who are determined ineligible based on their renewal prior to these extensions will be closed according to the regular effective dates.

# CMS guidance on auto renewals

# CMS requirements for federal Medicaid funding

1

Stop closing coverage for enrollees in a multi-member household who did not get the opportunity for an automatic renewal.

2

Reinstate coverage retroactively to the date of termination for any impacted enrollees, and ensure the enrollees experience no gaps in coverage.

3

Fix systems and processes to ensure compliant automatic renewals for all individuals in a household.

4

Implement mitigation strategies until system and process fixes are in place.

# Mitigation strategies identified by CMS

1

Identify and renew eligibility for affected individuals before disenrollment for a procedural reason.

2

Suspend renewals for all multi-member households, including those with children and those with a family member for whom additional information is required at renewal, while the state implements needed systems and operational fixes.

3

Waive the requirement to redetermine eligibility and extend Medicaid or CHIP eligibility for impacted household members for up to 12 months from the member's scheduled renewal during the unwinding period.

4

Another state-identified alternative strategy approved by CMS.

# Next steps

- DHS needs time to research options.
- State must submit plan to CMS by Sept. 13.

## DHS Eliminates Parental Fees for Children Receiving MA under the TEFRA Option and HCBS Waivers

- Effective July 1, 2023, parents of children enrolled in certain programs for children with disabilities will not be charged a parental fee.
  - MA under the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) Option
  - Home and Community-based Services (HCBS) waivers
    - Brain Injury (BI)
    - Community Alternative Care (CAC)
    - Community Access for Disability Inclusion (CADI)
    - Developmental Disabilities (DD)
- Parental fees may still be assessed for children placed in a regional treatment center when MA pays the cost of care and children in 24-hour out-of-home placement.



# Thank you!

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