

Leveraging Federal Authorities to Ensure Individuals Retain Coverage

(e)(14)(A) Strategies:

- Renewal for Individuals Based on SNAP Eligibility: Maryland will renew eligibility for SNAP participants using gross income as determined by SNAP.
- Facilitating Renewal for Individuals with no Asset Verification System (AVS) Data Returned within a Reasonable Timeframe: Maryland will assume there has been no change in resources that are verified through AVS when no information is returned through the AVS within a reasonable timeframe and is permitted to complete an ex parte renewal without any further verification of assets.
- Ex Parte Renewal for Individuals with No Income and No Data Returned: Maryland will assume there has been no change in zero-income that was verified on or after March 2019 and there is no information received and is permitted to complete an ex parte renewal without requesting additional income information or documentation.
- Renew Medicaid Eligibility for Individuals with Income at or Below 100% FPL and No Data Returned on an Ex Parte Basis: Maryland will assume that there is no change in income verified on or after March 2019 that is at or below 100% FPL and there is no information received and is permitted to complete an ex parte renewal without requesting additional income information or documentation.

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- Renew Medicaid eligibility without regard to the asset test for non-MAGI beneficiaries who are subject to an asset test (*pending*) Temporary waiver of asset requirements for all non-MAGI beneficiaries subject to an asset test during the unwinding period.

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Disaster SPAs:

- Suspension of Premiums: Maryland will continue to suspend premiums for the Employed Individuals with Disabilities (EID) group and for the Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP) Premium.
- Resource Disregard: Maryland will disregard as a resource income that would otherwise have been part of an individual's liability for his or her institutional or home- and community-based waiver services based on application of the post-eligibility treatment-of-income (PETI) rules but which became countable resources on or after March 18, 2020.

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Additional 30 Days for Non-MAGI Cases: Non-MAGI cases will be granted an additional 30 days to return renewal applications to allow for additional time to coordinate with case managers as needed.

120-Day Reconsideration Period: Maryland extended the reconsideration period to 120 days to enable participants who were disenrolled based on procedural reasons to come back into the system and complete their renewal without needing to begin a new application.

Easy Enrollment into Qualified Health Plans (QHP):

- Maryland implemented an “Easy Enrollment” option for individuals who no longer qualify for Medicaid due to having too high an income into a QHP and can conduct advance premium tax credit (APTC)/cost sharing reduction (CRS) determinations using federal and state third-party data sources for individuals who are no longer eligible for Medicaid or are procedurally terminated when Medicaid has determined the individual is over the Medicaid MAGI income limits based on third-party data sources.
- Individuals will receive a notice about the QHP they are eligible for and may opt into coverage by revisiting the Maryland Health Connection portal or paying the premium stated in the letter, as applicable.

Continuous Eligibility for Children: Consolidated Appropriations Act 2023 requires states to implement continuous eligibility for children by January 1, 2024. Maryland plans to implement coverage as soon as August 2023.

Additional Resources

Check out these webpages for more information and additional resources to get the word out to Medicaid participants:

- Campaign Landing Page: <https://www.marylandhealthconnection.gov/checkin/>
- Participant Information: <https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Pages/MedicaidCheckIn-participants.aspx>
- Participant critical messages: [English - 15 seconds](#); [English - 30 seconds](#); [Spanish - 15 seconds](#), [Spanish - 30 seconds](#)
- Provider Toolkit Information and Materials: <https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Pages/MedicaidCheckIn-providers.aspx>
- MDH Provider Transmittal: <https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Documents/Provider%20Transmittals/PT%2051-23%20Medicaid%20Checkin%20Campaign%202023.pdf>
- Provider Outreach Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBHxYbxwIAE&list=PL8iXJWFyNuRjUzqVrU19Va72QXP9MF9HP&index=4>
- Medicaid Check-In Data: <https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/Pages/MedicaidCheckIn-Data.aspx>
- PSA from Governor Wes Moore: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M9ReXXWuWDE&embeds_referring_euri=https%3A%2F%2Fhealth.maryland.gov%2F&source_ve_path=OTY3MTQ&feature=emb_imp_woyt
- [How to Register a New Account](#) - myMDTHINK video
- **Additional suggestions for FAQs** can be directed to the Medicaid Innovation, Research, and Development team for consideration in future updates. Please send to mdh.medicaidcheckin@maryland.gov.