

What are we talking about?

During the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), states were granted flexibility by the federal government to continuously enroll Apple Health (Medicaid) clients without checking for eligibility. This flexibility was provided to reduce financial burden for community members given the pandemic crisis. The federal government has indicated that the PHE will end on May 11, 2023 and HCA will resume normal operations, including redeterminations for Apple Health clients, starting April 1, 2023.

Redetermination is the process of determining eligibility for Medicaid. Every 12 months Medicaid members report their household income to redetermine their eligibility for Medicaid.

If an individual does not report their household income, or, if their income exceeds eligibility requirements, their Medicaid benefits may be terminated.

What does this mean?

Beginning April 1, 2023, HCA will resume the redetermination process by checking for eligibility for all Medicaid members. Medicaid members will receive renewal notices in the mail sometime over the next 12 months, based on their individual renewal date. For example, individuals with a renewal date in May will receive a renewal notice in April. Given that many community members moved and/or had changes in income during the pandemic, it may be difficult to find and communicate timely with all current Medicaid members.



How Can I Help?

- Important notices and updates come in the mail. Help people update their contact information so they can be reached.
- Help educate people currently on Medicaid about upcoming changes.
- Help individuals complete their renewal, or, connect them with someone who can.
- Connect impacted individuals with a navigator to explore alternative coverage options.

What is the impact?

Roughly 300,000 individuals in Washington may be affected over the next 12 months. People with a change of address during the PHE are particularly vulnerable to losing coverage as they may not receive renewal notices.

My Questions: