



## RESUMING MEDI-CAL RENEWALS: FACT SHEET

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, California received an increase in Medicaid funding under the condition that disenrollments would be postponed for as long as the federal COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) remained active, which allowed millions of Californians to remain on Medi-Cal during the unprecedented health crisis.

But with the Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, Medicaid continuous coverage requirements are no longer tied to the PHE, and continuous coverage terminates on March 31st.

The State Department of Health Care Service (DHCS) assigns each beneficiary a specific renewal month to space out disenrollments, and members who have been enrolled in Medi-Cal for the longest will have the earliest renewal months.

We will initiate renewal redeterminations starting at about 85 days prior to the last day of an individual's redetermination month. For individuals with a June 2023 renewal month, processing will begin in April. During April, renewals due in June and an annual renewal packet will be mailed. By June, a notice of action will be sent to individuals, if the annual renewal remains incomplete or if the beneficiary is no longer Medi-Cal eligible. June 30th will be the final day of Medi-Cal eligibility for this population.

While continuous coverage for Medi-Cal is ending, many Medi-Cal beneficiaries may become eligible to move to [Covered California](#), a service that connects Californians with brand-name health insurance at federally subsidized rates.

Individuals who lose Medi-Cal will not experience a gap in coverage if they confirm their selection of a qualified health plan, and pay a premium only if required, for Covered California coverage within a month of their disenrollment from Medi-Cal, according to DHCS.

### **How to renew your Medi-Cal coverage:**

#### **1) Wait for us to contact you about the renewal**

We will try to renew your Medi-Cal without requiring you to fill out a renewal packet. If we succeed, you'll get a notice confirming your Medi-Cal has been renewed for another year. If we don't succeed, you will get a renewal packet in the mail.

#### **2) Update your information**

If you have moved since March 2020 and are not sure we have your updated address, please call us at 866-262-9881 to provide your updated contact information. Otherwise, you may not receive your renewal packet or renewal letter and could lose your Medi-Cal.

#### **3) If you receive a renewal packet in the mail**

Complete it and return the packet and requested verifications by the due date mentioned in the letter. Call 866-262-9881 with any questions.

#### **4) Why you might not receive the renewal packet**

- We were able to renew you: We'll send you a confirmation notice rather than the packet.
- It's not your turn to renew yet: Renewal dates are based on the date you originally applied for Medi-Cal. For example, if you applied in October, your renewal will be due in September.
- We don't have your correct address: To update your address, call us at 866-262-9881.