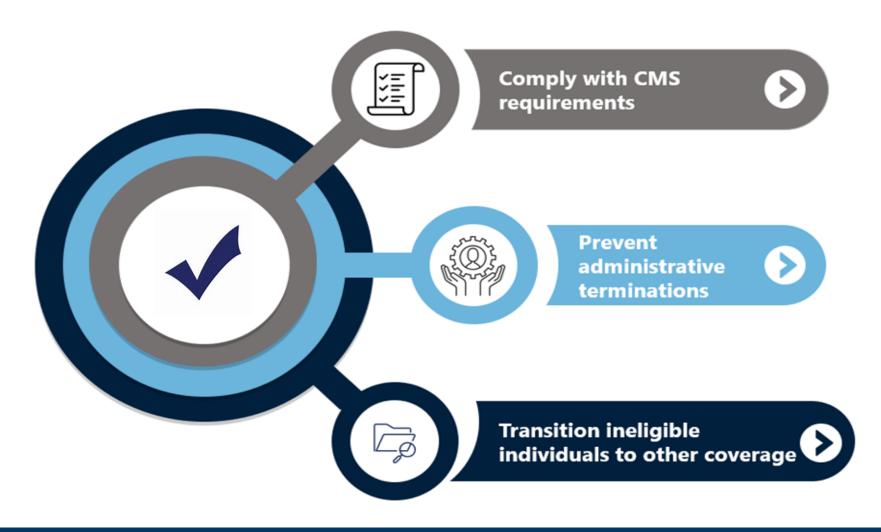


### **Public Health Emergency Unwinding**

Monthly Stakeholder Engagement Meetings
April 2023



## Kentucky's PHE Unwinding Goals





### Renewal Caseload Planning

All individuals requiring renewal will be distributed across a 12-month period, based on the state's renewal distribution plan



May – June – July – August – September – October – November – December – January – February – March – April

Priority: May-October

Medicare-eligible population will be prioritized in the first 6 months to enroll in Medicare

Priority: June

Special circumstance population (over 14K beneficiaries) will be prioritized in June

Priority: July - ongoing

QHP-eligible population will be engaged starting June 2023 for the duration of the renewal process



## April and May Priorities

Members 65+ transitions to Medicare

Follow up on cases without responses

Ongoing messaging and communications



## Unwinding Baseline Data

Total beneficiaries enrolled in March 2023

1,711,650

Total pending applications received from March 2020 – March 2023

2,438

Total Medicaid fair hearings pending >90 days in March 2023

575



## Renewal Cases Data Updates as of 4/12/23

Kentucky is one of a six states that is fully compliant with all federal requirements and has not been put on a mitigation plan.

72,421 Medicaid Renewals due 5/31/2023

49,491 Passive Cases

22,930 Active Cases

60% passive cases renewed

### **479 Active Renewals Completed**

Determined Eligible	347
Transitioned to QHP/APTC	50
Determined Ineligible	82

\*83% remained covered by Medicaid or transitioned to QHP with APTC



## Outreach to Medicaid Members as of 4/12/23

22,930 active renewal notices mailed

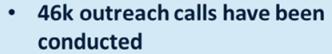
19,713 passive renewal Requests for Information (RFI) mailed

42,267 email messages sent for 90-day alerts

1,498 email messages sent for 60-day alerts









 Over 6k calls have been received related to renewals

8,405 Alert Calls Made

8,003 Alert Messages Left

4,382 Nudges Led to Updates

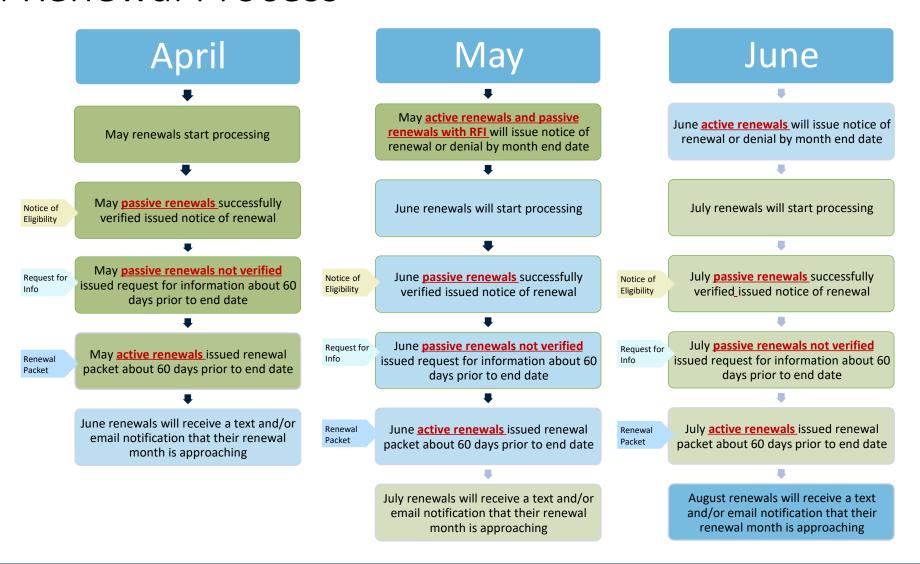
11,759 Nudge Messages Left



### KY Medicaid Renewal Process

## Members will receive a communication:

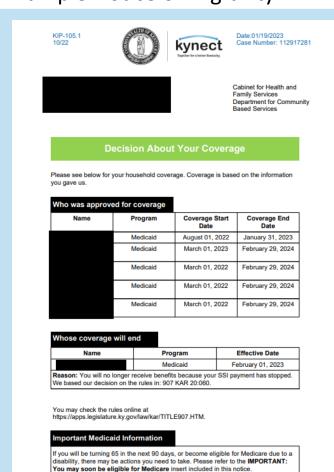
- About 90 days before their renewal end date
- When their notice is generated about 60 days prior to end date; and/or
- If there's no response by the 15<sup>th</sup> of their renewal month



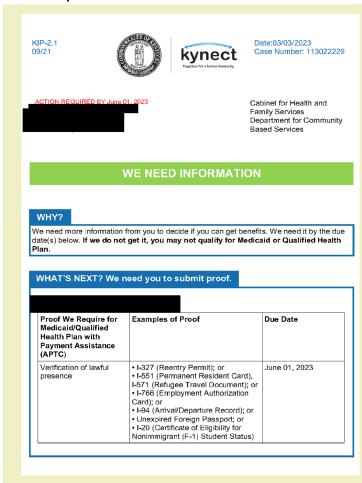


### **Example Notices**

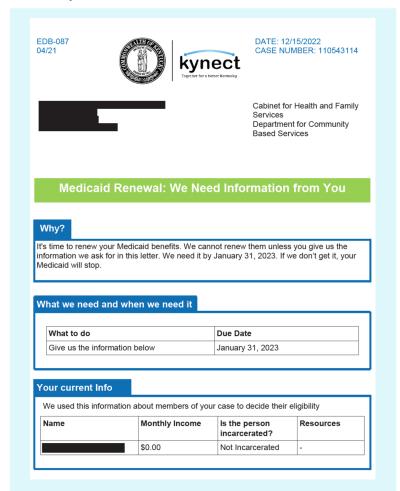
#### Example Notice of Eligibility:



#### Example RFI:



#### Example Renewal Packet:





## Renewals: How patients respond to a notice

## Completing and Returning Forms

- Fill in all requested information
- Return by fax to 502-573-2005 or 502-573-2007
- Return by mail to P.O. Box 2104, Frankfurt, KY 40602

#### Self-Service Portal

- Log in to kynect at https://kynect.ky.gov/benefits
- Click on Review Benefits or upload requested information in RFI

## Call kynect or DCBS

- Call kynect (1-855-459-6328) Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 4:30 pm ET
- Call DCBS (1-855-306-8959) Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 4:30 pm ET and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm ET

# Visit a kynector, insurance agent of DCBS office

- Find a kynector or agent office\* and visit Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 4:30 pm local time
- Find a DCBS office\* and visit Mon-Fri 8:00 am to 4:30 pm local time



<sup>\*</sup>Find a kynector or agent office here: <a href="https://kynect.ky.gov/benefits/s/auth-reps-assisters?language=en\_US">https://kynect.ky.gov/benefits/s/auth-reps-assisters?language=en\_US</a>

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### Renewals: What's Next?

### What to expect and what you can do!





Members should keep their contact information updated so Kentucky Medicaid is able to reach them when it is their time to renew!

Update your information as soon as possible!

Visit <u>kynect.ky.gov</u> or call kynect at 855-4kynect (855-459-6328) with questions and to update your mailing address, phone number, and email!



Be on the look out for any mail or outreach from Kentucky Medicaid and be sure to respond!



### Renewals: Need help?

There are people in your community who can help you!

kynector or licensed insurance agent available online and by calling **1-855-4kynect** (1-855-459-6368)

If you're 65+ call the SHIP Hotline at (877) 293-7447 (**option** #2) or call DAIL at (502) 564-6930 and ask for a SHIP counselor to learn about Medicare options!

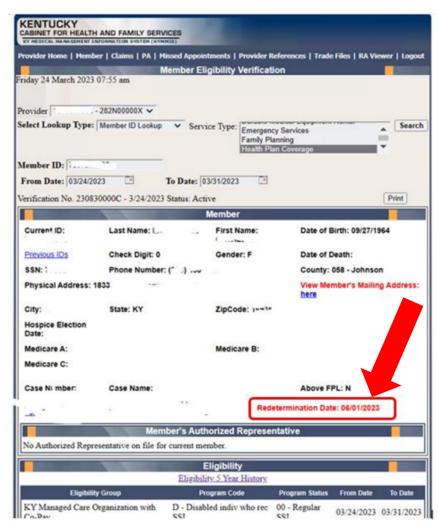
Check out Kentucky's website for all things Medicaid Renewals and PHE Unwinding!

https://khbe.ky.gov/Enrollment/Pages/PHEUnwinding.aspx



### Support Patients Through Renewals

- Renewals will occur over a 12-month period.
- The first to go through a renewal are those having a May 31, 2023 end date.
- Notices for these individuals went out in April.
- Here is how to find your patient's renewal date in KYHealthNet.



## How can I help my patients?

- ✓ Ask them to update their information in kynect by logging into kynect.ky.gov or calling 855-4kynect (855-459-6328)
- Remind them to watch for notices. Medicaid will contact them when it is their time to renew.
- If their renewal date is coming up, make sure they are aware.



### PHE Flexibilities

This is not a full list of all flexibilities. Please reference the **KY PHE Flexibility Tracker** for full information.

### Ending May 11, 2023

- Suspension of provider revalidations
- Use of unlicensed facilities as alternative locations
- Hospital 20% add-on to DRG for COVID-19 diagnosis
- Nursing Facility \$270 per diem add-on
- Second Presumptive Eligibility (PE) period in CY

### Extended through PHE Unwinding

- LTC Resource disregard
- 120-day period to file an appeal and for the state to make a decision
- Telehealth audio-only, non-HIPAA compliance platforms extended through August 9, 2023\*
- Re-enrollment of member MCO if within 120 days

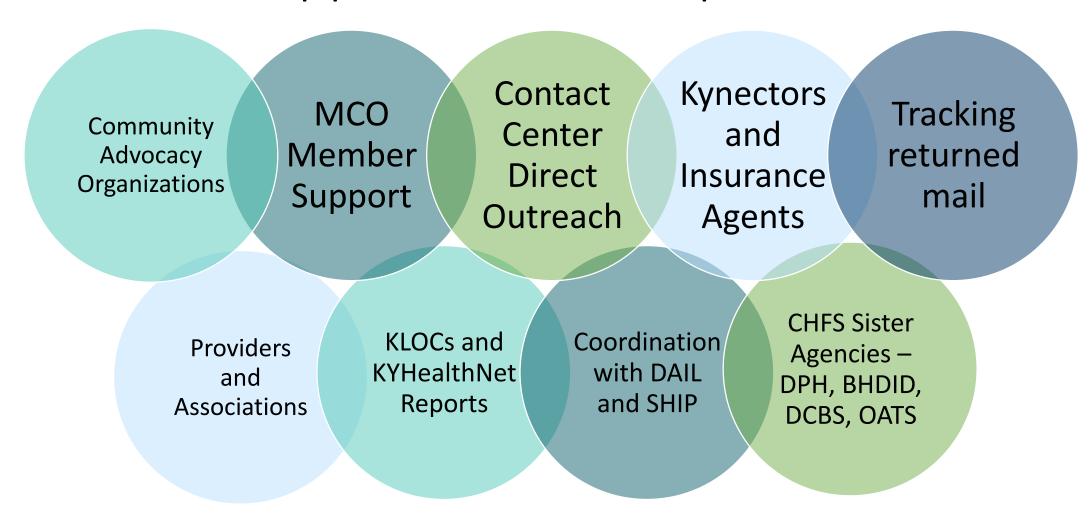
### Permanently Implemented

- Nurse Aide applicants use of I-9 instead of Social Security Card (907 KAR 1:250)
- Expanded telehealth (907 KAR 3:170)

<sup>\*</sup>Following <u>CMS guidance released on April 11, 2023</u>, Office of Civil Rights is providing a 90-calendar day transition period for covered health care providers to come into compliance with the HIPAA Rules with respect to their provision of telehealth (begins May 12, 2023 and will end on August 9, 2023).



### Proactive Approaches to Help Members





### KY PHE Website Resources

### https://medicaid.unwinding.ky.gov



During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE), the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) made sure that all Medicaid beneficiaries kept their coverage. DMS stopped all annual renewals. But soon, DMS will begin annual renewals for Medicaid members. You may be at risk of losing Medicaid coverage if we cannot reach you. You should update your contact information as soon as possible and keep it updated so Kentucky Medicaid is able to reach you when it is your time to renew!

#### Please update your information as soon as possible!

Visit <u>kynect.ky.gov</u> or call kynect at 855-4kynect (855-459-6328) to update your mailing address, phone number, email and other contact information.

Kentucky Mediciald will then be able to reach you when it is your time to renew!

#### Kentucky PHE Plans and Reports

Through the PHE Unwinding, Kentucky will be prioritizing transparency across all operations and progress through the unwinding. The following materials will provide insight to all operational plans and up-to-date information on our progress through the 12-month unwinding period. Additional reports will be added to this section as they are available.

- Kentucky Unwinding Approach March 2023
- Kentucky PHE Flexibilities Tracker
- Renewal Redistribution Report
- System Artifact Report

#### Stakeholder Session Information

**KY PHE Reports** 

**FAQs** 

**Medicaid Member Information** 

Medicaid Provider Information

#### **Communication Materials**

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If you should need any materials to share with your customers or partners, please feel free to leverage the following resources, developed and approved by Kentucky Medicaid.

 Member Information Brief
 español

 Member Renewals Information
 español

 Provider Information Brief
 Alternative Coverage Options
 español

 Qualified Health Plan (QHP)
 español

 Medicare Enrollment (Members)
 español

 Medicare Enrollment (Provider)
 How to Access Your Renewal Date

 How to Access Your Patient's Renewal Date

 KY PHE Renewal Pathway Brief

Provider Renewals Guidance Document

#### Stakeholder Sessions

In March, DMS hosted Stakeholder Engagement meetings to provide information about the PHE Unwinding and Medicaid renewals. You can find the materials from those sessions here:

- Presentation Recording KY PHE Stakeholder Engagement Meeting Recording March YouTube
- Presentation Slides
- Kentucky Unwinding Stakeholder Frequently Asked Questions Document

To help support Medicaid partners, DMS is holding virtual stakeholder forums.



Please join us for the  $\underline{Monthly\,Stakeholder\,Meeting}$  every third Thursday at 11:00 am ET.

If you have any questions for DMS that you would like for us to speak to during the upcoming monthly meeting, please submit those questions through this <u>survey</u>. Thank you!

In addition, Thursday, April 20th we will be hosting a Provider Informational session on Medicaid Renewals and the PHE unwinding. Please <u>register for the event</u> to learn about updates specific to providers and hear answers to some of your questions!



## How to stay informed...

Kentucky's Medicaid Renewals and PHE Unwinding Website - MedicaidUnwinding.ky.gov

CHFS Social Media

Stakeholder Meetings

- <u>Facebook</u>,
- <u>Twitter</u>, and
- Instagram

Ongoing Stakeholder Meetings – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 11:00 ET





Questions

