



CABINET FOR HEALTH
AND FAMILY SERVICES

Public Health Emergency Unwinding Monthly Stakeholder Meeting

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Public Health Emergency (PHE)

The Secretary for the Department of Health and Human Services declared a PHE on January 31, 2020, due to COVID-19, that ended on May 11, 2023



The PHE allowed states several flexibilities by:

- Triggering a variety of federal emergency powers
- Temporarily waiving certain Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) requirements
- Permitting continuous coverage with 6.2% enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP)



PHE flexibilities ended on May 11, 2023



The **Consolidated Appropriations Act 2023** separated continuous coverage from the PHE effective **March 31, 2023** and phases out the enhanced FMAP through December 31, 2023

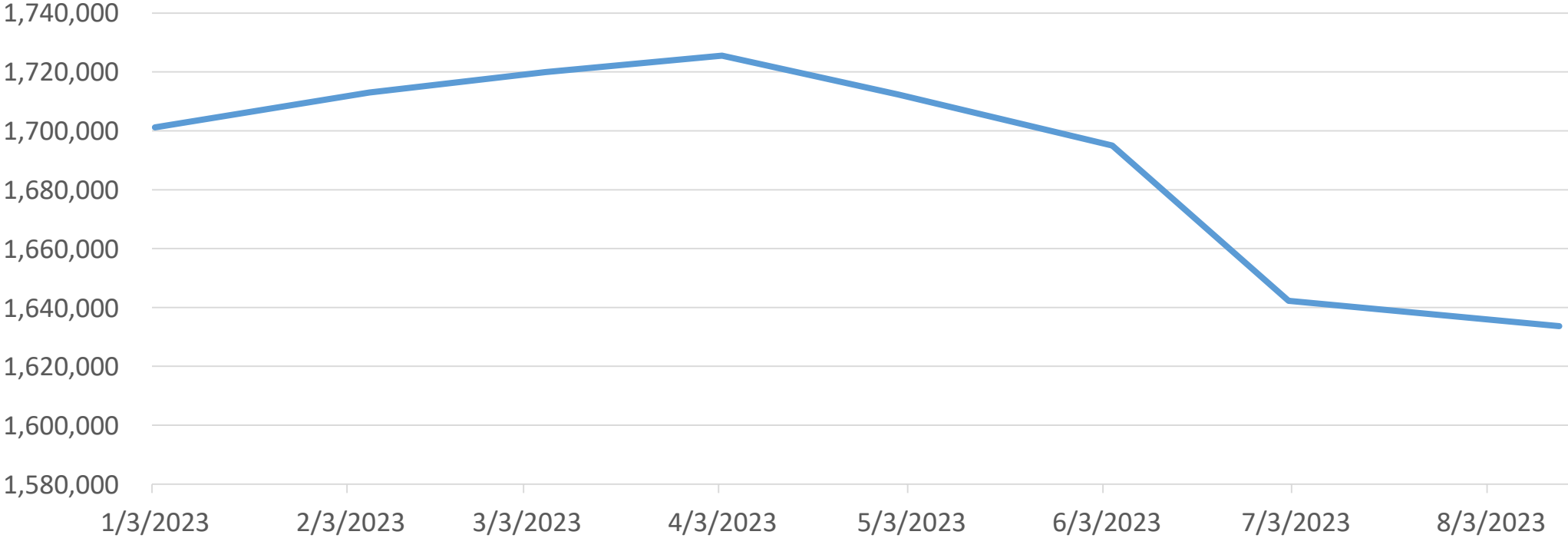


Upon PHE expiration

- ✓ End PHE flexibilities
- ✓ Resume temporarily waived requirements and conditions
- ✓ Permanently integrate specific flexibilities into state plan or waivers

Medicaid Enrollment during PHE

Medicaid Enrollment: January 2023 through August 2023



July 1st – 31st Renewal Data

Initial Count of Beneficiaries due for Renewal: 54,975

CMS Unwinding Monthly Report:

27,044 Medicaid Approvals	20,344 Medicaid Terminations	7,587 Individuals Pending
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August 1st – 31st Renewal Data

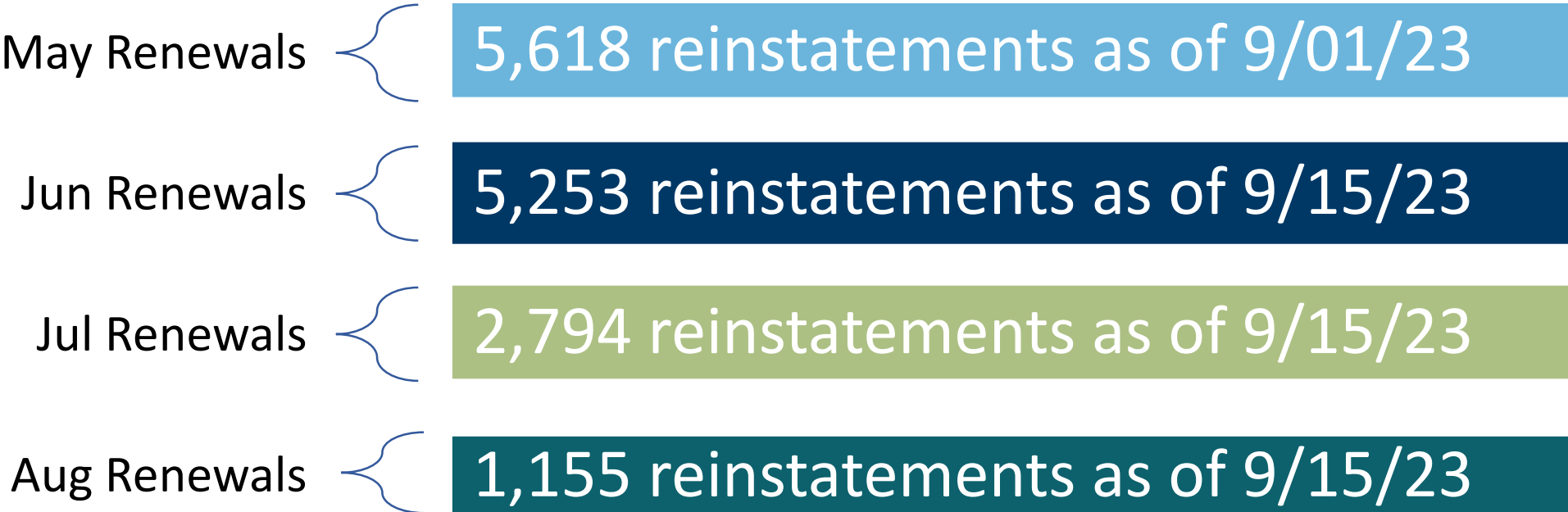
Initial Count of Beneficiaries due for Renewal: 54,344

CMS Unwinding Monthly Report:

28,296 Medicaid Approvals	18,662 Medicaid Terminations	7,386 Individuals Pending
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Medicaid Reinstatements

Individuals procedurally terminated on their renewal due date are given 90 days to respond and provide requested information. If they are determined eligible, coverage is **reinstated** back to their termination date.



Current Outreach Priorities

Households with children should respond to notices as children will have continuous coverage

Encourage members to respond to notices, even if they believe they are no longer eligible

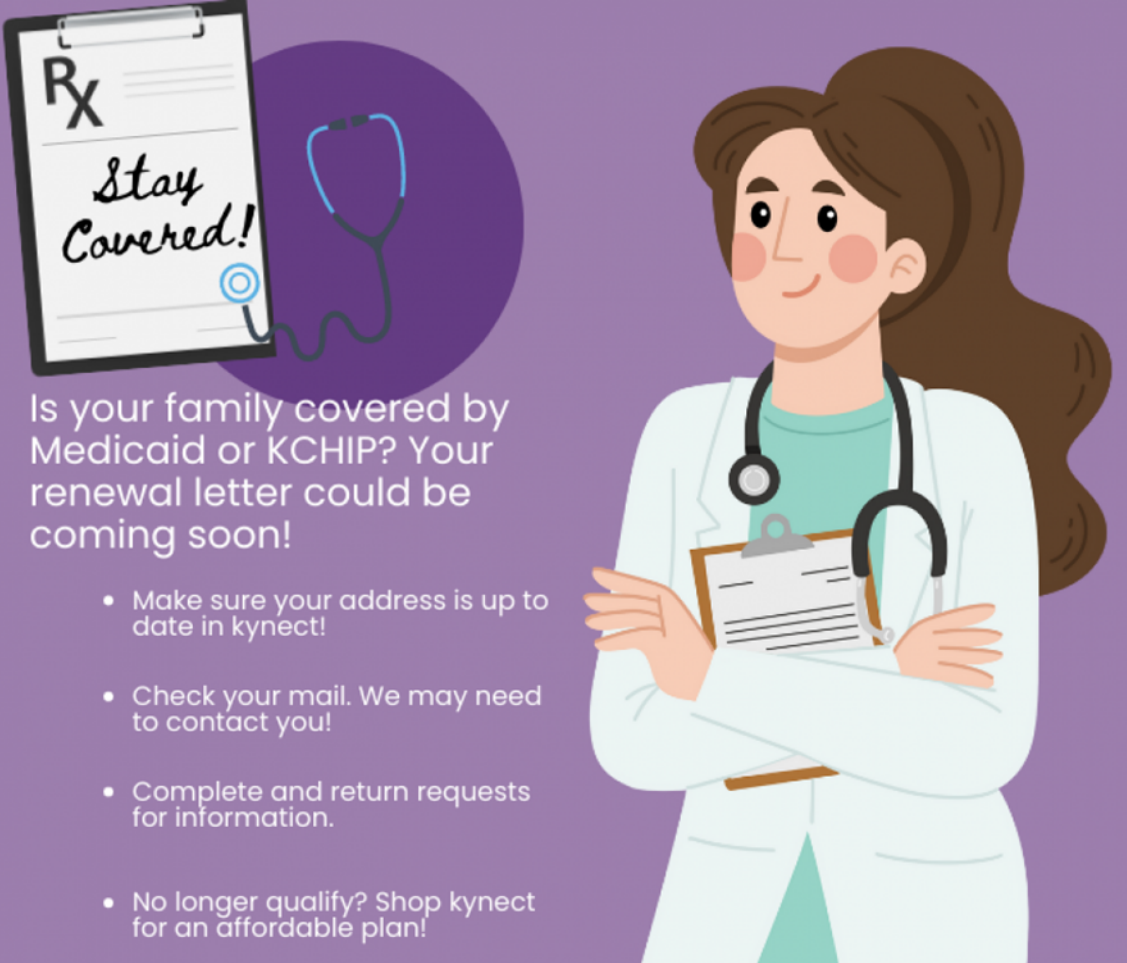
When members are procedurally terminated, if they provide information within 90 days they can be reinstated

Fliers and Materials for Offices

Help us get the message out to patients and clients!

Informational [fliers](#) available on PHE website to be printed and shared in provider offices, at community businesses, and handed out to clients!

It is also available in [Spanish!](#)



Is your family covered by Medicaid or KCHIP? Your renewal letter could be coming soon!

- Make sure your address is up to date in kynect!
- Check your mail. We may need to contact you!
- Complete and return requests for information.
- No longer qualify? Shop kynect for an affordable plan!

Providers Supporting Patients Through Renewals

Waiver Participant & Provider Information

- [1915\(c\) HCBS COVID-19 and Appendix K FAQ](#)
- Kentucky Level of Care System (KLOCS) Report
 - Nursing facilities and intermediate care facility providers can access the Medicaid Renewal Report in [KLOCS](#).
 - See [the KLOCS Provider Medicaid Renewal Report Quick Reference Guide](#) to learn how to access a report of Medicaid Eligible Individuals who are due for renewal.

<https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/dca/Documents/COVIDAppendixKCombinedFAQ.pdf>

PROVIDER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Kentucky Level of Care System

What It Is

The Kentucky Level of Care System (KLOCS) electronic system streamlines and automates the current level-of-care paper process. KLOCS generates user tasks and notifications to enable all stakeholders to interact electronically in level-of-care application, review and approval processes.

Starting Aug. 3, 2020, all nursing facility providers, institutionalized hospice service providers and ICF/IID providers are required to use KLOCS. **Please Note:** KLOCS does not impact ancillary services. Those processes remain the same.

The following changes take effect Aug. 3, 2020:

- Applications will be submitted and tracked using an online self-service portal.
- Level-of-care requests and discharges will be initiated electronically. This process automatically routes requests to the appropriate KLOCS personnel for review and completion of determinations.
- Providers will receive automatic task notifications and reminders to submit requested information

Documentation

Providers/Facilities

- KLOCS Telehealth Frequently Asked Questions [🔗](#)
- KLOCS Provider Telehealth Quick Reference Guide [🔗](#)
- KLOCS Backdating and Correcting LOCs [🔗](#)
- KLOCS Provider Webinar Part 1 presentation [🔗](#)
- KLOCS Provider Part 2 presentation [🔗](#)
- NF Hospice ICF Guide [🔗](#)
- KLOCS Part 1 Provider Webinar recording
- KLOCS Part 2 Provider Webinar recording
- Part One Provider Webinar FAQs [🔗](#)
- KLOCS Common Scenarios and Quick Reference Guide [🔗](#)
- KLOCS Medicaid Renewal Report QRG [🔗](#)

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, Frankfort, 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 7:00 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 or 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

*Find a kynector or agent office here: https://kynect.ky.gov/benefits/s/auth-reps-assisters?language=en_US

*Find a DCBS office here: https://kynect.ky.gov/benefits/s/find-dcbs-office?language=en_US

Providers Supporting Patients Through Renewals

- ✓ Here is how to find your patient's renewal date in KYHealthNet.
 - Old dates or "N/A" means the member is in a category not normally subject to an annual renewal.
- ✓ If they've updated their contact information with you, ask them to update it with kynect too!

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KY MEDICAL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (KYMMS)

Provider Home | Member | Claims | PA | Missed Appointments | Provider References | Trade Files | RA Viewer | Logout

Member Eligibility Verification

Friday 24 March 2023 07:55 am

Provider: [282N00000X]

Select Lookup Type: Member ID Lookup Service Type: Emergency Services, Family Planning, Health Plan Coverage

Member ID: []

From Date: 03/24/2023 To Date: 03/31/2023

Verification No. 230830000C - 3/24/2023 Status: Active

Member

Current ID:	Last Name: L...	First Name:	Date of Birth: 09/27/1964
Previous IDs:	Check Digit: 0	Gender: F	Date of Death:
SSN: 1	Phone Number: ()	County: 058 - Johnson	View Member's Mailing Address: here
Physical Address: 1833	City:	State: KY	Zip Code: 40301
Hospice Election Date:	Medicare A:	Medicare B:	Medicare C:
Case Number:	Case Name:	Above FPL: N	Redetermination Date: 06/01/2023

Member's Authorized Representative

No Authorized Representative on file for current member.

Eligibility

Eligibility Group	Program Code	Program Status	From Date	To Date
KY Managed Care Organization with Care	D - Disabled indiv who rec	00 - Regular	03/24/2023	03/31/2023

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.

KLOCS Medicaid Renewal Reports

- On the Dashboard screen, under *Quick Links* section on the left, click *View Reports*.
- On the Reports screen, click *Medicaid Renewal Report*.
- Enter the appropriate start date and end date, then click *View Report* to generate *Medicaid Renewal Report*.

The image displays three sequential screenshots of the KLOCS web application interface, illustrating the steps to generate a Medicaid Renewal Report.

Dashboard Screenshot: The top navigation bar includes "Home", "Start Application", "LOC Management", "Message Center", "Quick Search", "Welcome Hari Allen", "Sign Out", and "Help". The "Time Travel Date" is set to "06/13/2023". On the left, the "Quick Links" section has "View Reports" highlighted with a red box. The main content area shows a "Tasks" table with columns for "Task Type", "My Tasks", and "Group Tasks". Below the table, there are "View History", "Mark As New", and "Mark As Closed" buttons.

Reports Screenshot: The "Reports" section is visible, with "Medicaid Renewal Report" highlighted by a red box.

Medicaid Renewal Report Screenshot: The form for generating the report is shown. It includes two date input fields: "* From Month/Year" and "* To Month/Year", both highlighted with red boxes. At the bottom, there are "Back", "Reset", and "View Report" buttons, with "View Report" highlighted by a red box.

Transition from Medicaid to Qualified Health Plan PHE Unwinding Special Enrollment Period



a part of kynect

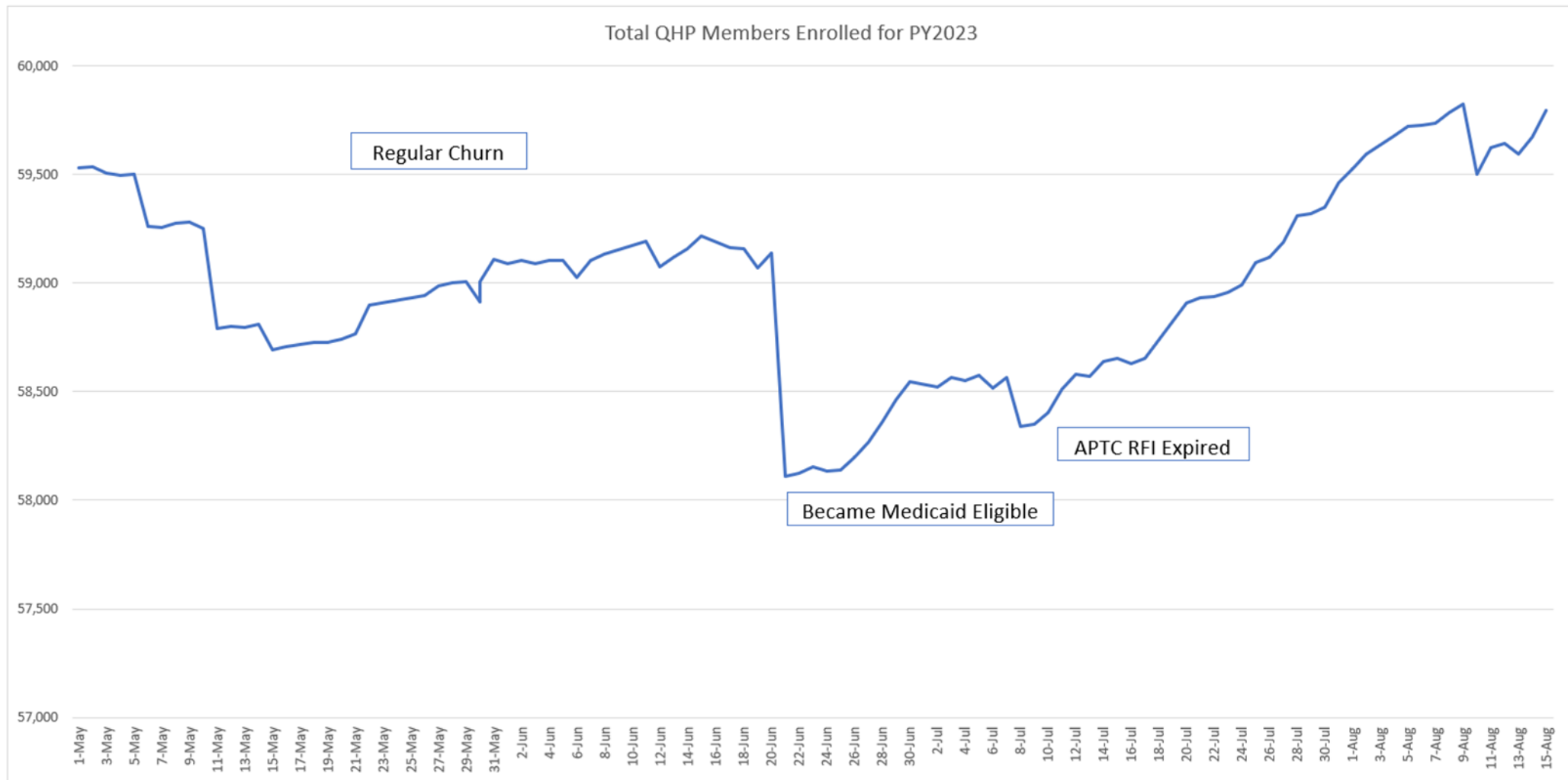
Individuals MUST take action!

PHE Unwinding Special Enrollment Period (SEP) for individuals who have lost Medicaid coverage and submit a new application or update an existing application between **March 31, 2023 and July 31, 2024**.

- Individuals who are eligible for this Unwinding SEP will have 60 days after they submit their application to enroll in a QHP even if it has been longer than 60 days since they lost Medicaid.
- Coverage will start the first day of the month *following plan selection* but the *first payment must be paid* before the coverage is effective.

NOTE: If an individual is uninsured months from now...may still qualify for a Special Enrollment

Qualified Health Plan Enrollment as of 8/15/23



Unwinding Flexibilities Implemented

This is not a full list of all flexibilities. Please reference the [KY PHE Flexibility Tracker](#) for full information.

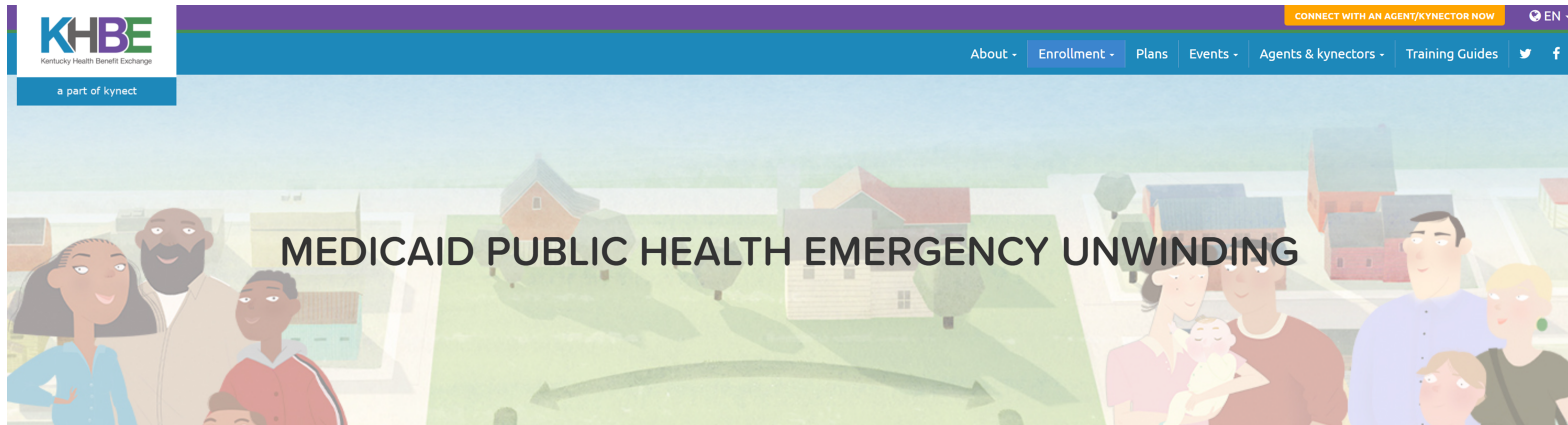
Implemented For PHE Unwinding

- 60-Day extension window for individuals receiving long-term care and waiver services
- Renew Medicaid eligibility for individuals with income at or below 100% FPL and no data returned on an ex parte basis
- Renew Medicaid eligibility for individuals with stable sources of income or assets, waiving asset verification processes
- Renew Medicaid eligibility without regard to the asset test for non-MAGI beneficiaries
- Suspend the requirement to apply for other benefits under 42 CFR 435.608
- Suspend the requirement to cooperate with the agency in establishing the identity of a child's parents and in obtaining medical support
- Permit managed care plans to aid enrollees in completing and submitting Medicaid renewal forms
- Establish 90-Day Reconsideration Period for individuals who were disenrolled based on a procedural reason and are subsequently redetermined eligible

NOTE: HCBS Appendix K flexibilities will be covered in a separate stakeholder meeting to be announced in the near future

KY PHE Website Resources

<https://medicaid.unwinding.ky.gov>



Stakeholder Session Information

KY PHE Reports

FAQs

Medicaid Member Information

Medicaid Provider Information

Communication Materials

1 Update your information in kynect!

To update your mailing address, phone number, email, and other contact information:

Visit kynect.ky.gov

-OR-

Call kynect at 855-4kynect (855) 459-6328

2 Please Respond!

If you received a Medicaid Renewal Packet or Request for Information please respond.

Even if circumstances have changed we still need to hear from you!

Coverage can be reinstated if you missed your due date and are still eligible.

3 Get free local help!

Free help with your benefit application is available.

A kynector can help you!

Find a kynector - [Get Local Help](#)

4 No longer qualify for Medicaid?

If you no longer qualify for Medicaid, you can still get help from kynect!

You may be eligible to enroll in a Qualified Health Plan with Financial Assistance to help pay for premiums, co-pays and more.

A licensed insurance agent can help you at no cost to you!

Find an Insurance Agent - [Get Local Help](#)

How to Stay Informed...

Kentucky's Medicaid Renewals and PHE Unwinding Website - [MedicaidUnwinding.ky.gov](https://www.MedicaidUnwinding.ky.gov)

- CHFS Social Media
 - [Facebook](#),
 - [Twitter](#), and
 - [Instagram](#)
- Stakeholder Meetings
 - Ongoing Stakeholder Meetings – 3rd Thursday @ 11:00 ET
- Reports
 - KLOCS Report
 - KYHealthNet Renewal Information



Questions