



Panel Discussion: Update on Restarting Medicaid Eligibility Redeterminations

— Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission

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Background

- During the public health emergency (PHE), states receiving the 6.2 percentage point increase in federal match may not disenroll beneficiaries
- Medicaid enrollment grew 19.2 percent from February 2020 to June 2021 (CMS's December 2021 enrollment snapshot)
- States, CMS, and other stakeholders are concerned about potential post-PHE loss of coverage
- State face capacity constraints and other pressures

Recent Developments

- CMS's August 2021 guidance revised previous guidance (December 2020)
- CMS has released numerous tools and technical resources to assist states in planning for the unwinding of PHE flexibilities, including resuming renewals
- The Build Back Better Act may modify the federal match provisions and create requirements for resuming renewals, but its future is uncertain

Panel Discussion

- Melissa McChesney, health policy advisor at UnidosUS (formerly National Council of La Raza)
- Jeff Nelson, bureau director of eligibility policy for the Utah Department of Health
- Jeremy Vandehey, director of the health policy and analytics division for the Oregon Health Authority



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