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# Update on Unwinding the Continuous Coverage Requirement

*State Panel Discussion*

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# Background

- Under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA, P.L. 116-127), states received a 6.2 percentage point increase in the federal match if they did not disenroll individuals during the public health emergency (PHE)
- The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 (CAA, P.L. 117-328) delinked the continuous coverage requirement from the PHE
  - Ends the continuous coverage requirement on March 31, 2023
  - Phases down the enhanced matching rate over the remainder of 2023
  - Establishes redetermination processing, outreach, and reporting requirements

# Background

- Federal and state Medicaid officials have been preparing for unwinding the continuous coverage provisions for some time
- The Commission has been closely following these developments with routine updates on planning efforts and prior panels with state officials and beneficiary advocates to share their concerns
- January's state panel discussion will provide an update on how states are approaching the impending unwinding in light of the continuation of the PHE throughout the fall and passage of the CAA

# State Panelists

- Chris Underwood, Chief Administrative Officer, Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing
- Traylor Rains, State Medicaid Director, Oklahoma Health Care Authority
- Sandie Ruybalid, Deputy Administrator, Nevada Division of Health Care Financing and Policy

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