
Does the Expiration of the COVID-19 State of Emergency Affect Your Medicaid?

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In prior alerts, we informed you that during the COVID-19 emergency, the federal government eased Medicaid eligibility requirements to ensure that individuals in need would not lose important medical benefits. This policy expired on March 31, 2023, allowing states to resume Medicaid disenrollments. This means that the continuous and/or automatic enrollment for Medicaid has terminated. You must now renew your coverage. These changes affect Medicaid, Child Health Plus, and Essential Plan. Recipients of these plans who do not submit a proper recertification application may lose coverage as early as July 1, 2023.

If you are currently enrolled in any of the above plans, you may have already received notices regarding these changes as well as instructions on how to keep your coverage. If you received benefits prior to the pandemic, you may be familiar with the process of renewing your coverage. However, if you were not enrolled in Medicaid previously, then this will likely be your first time renewing your coverage. Please know that it is imperative that you timely and completely respond to all notices received from either New York State or the local Department of Social Services. Failure to do so may now result in a termination of your benefits.

The [Elder Law practice](#) of Abrams Fensterman, LLP. is available to assist with all of your Medicaid issues, including recertifications. Please feel free to contact us at ElderLawLakeSuccess@abramslaw.com with any questions or concerns.