



## How Pennsylvania Can Prepare for the End of the Public Health Emergency?

### Actions PA Legislators can take to protect Medicaid & CHIP recipients from disenrollment

Medicaid and CHIP have been a critical lifeline of coverage during the COVID-19 pandemic, with protections from the Families First Coronavirus Relief Act disallowing states from removing any new enrollees while the Public Health Emergency (PHE) is in place. When the PHE ends, states will begin redeterminations of eligibility and thousands of Pennsylvanians, many of them children, risk losing coverage.

PA AAP urges PA legislators to take the following steps to help prevent mass disenrollment from Medicaid & CHIP:

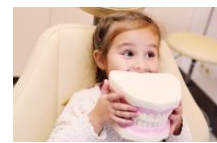
Implement a robust, multi-channel awareness campaign to ensure enrollees update their contact info



Utilize existing databases, i.e. USPS, SNAP & TANF, to confirm enrollee information

Extend the redetermination timeline from 6 to 12 months

Assist with coverage transitions, informing enrollees of alternative coverage options



Request states to attempt to contact enrollees twice through two modalities, reporting disenrollment actions taken

### Effects of Mass Loss in Coverage



Of PA's 1.2 million & 151,000 children enrolled in Medicaid & CHIP, respectively, an estimated **346,000**

**children** risk coverage termination, affecting all 67 counties in the Commonwealth

Without coverage, children are at risk of the following:

- Missed well-child visits, dental, vision & hearing checks
- Inadequate food transitions & threat of obesity
- Lack of mental health support