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END OF THE MEDICAID MORATORIUM

On December 29th, 2022, legislation that uncoupled the continuous Medicaid enrollment condition from the Public Health Emergency (PHE) was passed. Even though the public health emergency remains in place, as of April 1, 2023, states are permitted to resume regular Medicaid case processing, including redeterminations and terminations of coverage where appropriate. This will impact the coverage of existing Medicaid beneficiaries across the country.

The legislation requires that states initiate coverage renewals for all existing Medicaid beneficiaries by 3/31/24 and must complete coverage renewals by 5/31/24. While the timetable for when Medicaid renewals will begin again varies by state, all existing Medicaid beneficiaries will have their Medicaid redeterminations complete by the end of May 2024. Beneficiaries must meet all eligibility criteria for their covered group at the time of renewal to remain eligible for coverage.

NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

Changes to Medicaid Protections during the Public Health Emergency (PHE)

Understanding the Earned-Income Tax Credit (EITC)

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program resources

EARNED-INCOME TAX CREDIT (EITC) TOOLKIT

It's that time of year again. Tax time! You may have individuals you're working with who have questions about the EITC. The IRS has developed the EITC partner toolkit full of helpful resources designed to promote the EITC to eligible individuals. The toolkit is full of fact sheets and other helpful resources to assist individuals in understanding what the credit is and how to access it. For more information, please visit <https://www.eitc.irs.gov/partner-toolkit/welcome-to-the-partner-toolkit>.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) RESOURCES

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is available again this year for eligible filers with limited incomes. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has developed a flyer with resources where people can go for more information on eligibility for free tax preparation or to find their local VITA site. For more information, please visit https://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/documents/cfpb_free-filing-tax-flyer.pdf.

For the official announcement on the end of the Medicaid Moratorium, please visit

<https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/cib010523.pdf>

A Message from the NABWIS Board

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