

## **IMPORTANT STEPS TO ENSURE YOU DO NOT LOSE MEDICAID OR CHIP COVERAGE**

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government declared a “public health emergency.” During this period, Medicaid is not allowed to end anyone’s health coverage until the federal government declares that the COVID-19 emergency is over. Whenever that happens, the state will determine if your family is still eligible. If they cannot reach you, or if they think you make too much money to qualify for Medicaid, you and your family will lose health coverage.

**If you or a family member currently have health coverage through Medicaid or CHIP, you may soon need to take steps to stay enrolled in your current health coverage.**

### **PROTECT YOUR FAMILY BY DOING TWO THINGS RIGHT NOW!**

**1. Make sure your address and other contact information on file with the state Medicaid or CHIP office is up to date.**

The **most important** step you can take now is to make sure your state Medicaid or CHIP agency has your current mailing address, phone number, email, or other contact information. It is important to confirm this information, especially if you have moved in the past two years. Without this information, they may have difficulty contacting you when it is time to renew your coverage.

**2. Check your mail and respond quickly if you get a letter asking for more or updated information.**

Your state may mail you a letter letting you know if you need to complete a renewal form. **If you do, open it right away; it is important to fill it out and return it immediately.** Responding quickly may help you avoid a gap in your health coverage. **If you do not respond by the deadline, you may lose coverage.**

If you need help figuring out what to do, please contact a trusted community agency. To find a UnidosUS Affiliate in your state who may be able to help you, visit [unidosus.org/about/affiliates/](https://www.unidosus.org/about/affiliates/).

**Go to [Medicaid.gov/Renewals](https://www.Medicaid.gov/Renewals) to find a link to your state’s Medicaid office and confirm your contact information is up to date.**