

IMPORTANT STEPS TO PROTECT FAMILIES FROM LOSING MEDICAID OR CHIP COVERAGE

Since the pandemic began in March 2020, federal law prevented states from ending anyone's Medicaid. **Beginning April 1**, the law protecting families' health care will end. States are already asking many families with Medicaid to provide information showing whether they are still eligible. If the state decides a family makes too much money, or if the family doesn't answer the state's questions fast enough, the family could lose their Medicaid starting on April 1.

HELP PROTECT FAMILIES BY SHARING FOUR KEY MESSAGES RIGHT NOW:

- 1. Contact your state's Medicaid or CHIP office to give them your address, cell phone, and other contact information.** They need that information to reach you and see if your family is still eligible. Unfortunately, you may need to wait a long time on the phone. Or you could go to [Medicaid.gov/Renewals](https://www.Medicaid.gov/Renewals), find your state, and update your contact information online. Making sure Medicaid has the right contact information is the first step in protecting your family's Medicaid.
- 2. Watch for mail from Medicaid and answer their questions right away.** If you get mail from Medicaid, open it right away. Fill out any forms they ask you to complete. Send them all your information right away to make sure your family can keep its health care.
- 3. Renewing Medicaid won't hurt your family's ability to legalize or stay in the United States.** The federal government [changed](#) the 2019 public charge rule. It's now safe to keep your family's Medicaid. Medicaid will be looking at everyone who gets Medicaid to see if they are still eligible. They are sending letters to lots of people, not just immigrant families.
- 4. If you need help figuring out what to do, contact a trusted community agency right away.** 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).

It is very important for all of us to work together and track the problems that come up. If you see a problem, or you need more information, please email unwinding@unidosus.org. Also, please visit UnidosUS's website, [UnidosUS.org](https://www.UnidosUS.org) for more information about this major change.