

Medi-Cal Renewal

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In 2020, during the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), the federal government temporarily waived Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program requirements for annual eligibility redeterminations. As a result, Medi-Cal members kept their health coverage continuously during the PHE.

On December 29, 2022, Congress passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, which delinked the continuous coverage requirement from the PHE. With the passage of this bill, the continuous coverage requirement ended, and as of March 31, 2023, normal operations will resume, which includes the resumption of eligibility redeterminations for Medi-Cal. The Department will begin renewal activities as required for Medi-Cal recipients beginning with the June, 2023 renewal, throughout a 12-month period. What this means is that Medi-Cal coverage will **continue** for recipients through the next annual renewal date.

If we don't have the correct address information, this could mean a Medi-Cal recipient might not get their renewal packet, and there is a potential that Medi-Cal coverage would not be renewed. We hope to get all Medi-Cal recipients to update their pertinent information, so that when renewal packets are mailed, the recipient actually receives them. If a recipient needs to report an address or phone change they can contact the Department of Human Services at 661.631.6000 or they can update their BenefitsCal account by going to www.benefitscal.com.

We don't want anyone to lose their medical coverage.

If the Department needs information to renew your Medi-Cal, we will send you paperwork to complete and return **two months before your established renewal date**. You must respond to all requests for information from the Department by the due dates provided, as failure to respond could result in a discontinuance of your Medi-Cal.

It is important to remember that:

- You should expect to keep your Medi-Cal until your renewal is completed.
- You will not be discontinued until the Department sends you a written notice and determines you are no longer eligible for Medi-Cal.

If you have other questions, please call 661.631.6000 or go to www.benefitscal.com or www.dhcs.ca.gov/pages/keepyour-medi-cal.aspx or www.kcdhs.org