

# Important Changes to Medicaid and CHIP Coverage

## Don't risk a gap in your coverage. Get ready to renew now.

In March 2020, Congress passed healthcare protections that prevented people from losing their Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage during the COVID-19 pandemic. These protections are ending soon, and **you may soon need to take steps to find out if you can renew your coverage.** 

Each state has their own process and timeline, with some states beginning this process right away and others taking up to 14 months to complete renewals. Regardless of which state you live in, it is important to know what steps you should take to prepare.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Some states have different names for their Medicaid programs such as MO Health Net in Missouri or Medi-Cal in California. Check your state's program name at Healthcare.gov/ Medicaid-CHIP-program-names.



#### UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Update your mailing address, phone number and email with your state Medicaid or CHIP program so they can contact you about your coverage when they need to. You can find your state's Medicaid unwinding page at Medicaid.gov/ renewals.

If you get a renewal form, fill it out and return it right away to avoid a gap in coverage.

#### **COVERAGE OPTIONS**

If you lose your Medicaid or CHIP coverage because of changes in your eligibility, you may qualify for quality coverage through the Health Care Marketplace. This coverage is affordable, and 4 out of 5 enrollees can find plans that cost less than \$10 a month. You can learn more about marketplace coverage at Lung.org/ openenrollment and sign up for coverage at Healthcare.gov.

#### **LUNG HELPLINE**

Have more questions about your healthcare coverage? Talk to our experts at the American Lung Association Lung HelpLine. Our service is free and we are here to help you. You can connect with us by calling 1-800-LUNGUSA (1-800-586-4872) or visiting Lung.org/helpline.