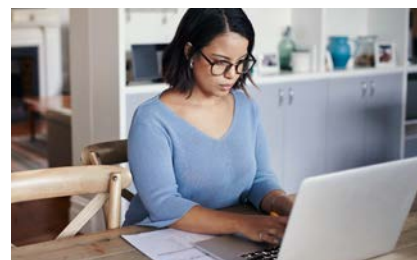# American Lung Association®

Important Changes to Medi-Cal

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

During the Covid-19 pandemic, Congress passed a healthcare law that prevented people enrolled in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) from losing coverage, but those protections are ending soon. California resumed the renewal process in April 2023 and coverage terminations for some will start July 1.

Here are some steps you can take to prepare:

1. Make sure your contact information with Medi-Cal is up-to-date. You can go to Keepmedicalcoverage.org to find out how to update your information.
2. You can also use this website to sign up for updates from Medi-Cal to receive important emails and SMS messages.
3. Be on the lookout for communications from Medi-Cal. If you get a renewal form, fill it out and return it right away to avoid a gap in coverage.

What if You Lose Coverage?
If you lose coverage because of changes to your eligibility, you may qualify for coverage through Covered California. This coverage is affordable; in 2021, 90% of enrollees received financial assistance to help them afford their premiums. You can learn more about marketplace coverage at Lung.org/openenrollment and you can apply for coverage at Coveredca.com.

New Coverage for Immigrants
Two recent laws allowed individuals under age 26 and over age 50 to be eligible for Medi-Cal coverage regardless of their immigration status as long as they meet other eligibility requirements. Additionally, effective January 1, 2024, Medi-Cal coverage will be extended to all adults regardless of immigration status if they meet other eligibility rules. This means that even if you are undocumented, you can or soon will be able to apply for coverage. Learn more at Coveredca.com/learning-center/information-for-immigrants/.

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.