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## Georgia Department of Community Health Releases Medicaid Redetermination Data for June 2023

**ATLANTA** (July 12, 2023) — In compliance with the federal requirement to conduct Medicaid and CHIP redeterminations as a part of the public health emergency unwinding effort, Georgia initiated renewals for 216,991 Georgians due for renewal in the month of June for Medicaid or PeachCare for Kids®. At the close of the month, 64,423 of these Georgians were renewed for Medicaid or PeachCare for Kids® coverage while 95,578 lost coverage. 56,990 individuals remain pending and will retain coverage while their eligibility is determined.

Of the individuals due for a June renewal who lost coverage at the end of the month, 89,168 individuals were procedurally terminated due to lack of information received by the State to make an eligibility determination. However, the State has data that over 20,000 of the individuals procedurally terminated would no longer have been eligible due to increased income, aging out of coverage, moving out of state, or other factors.

The Medicaid redetermination process is the result of Congress passing a December 2022 federal spending bill officially requiring all states to review Medicaid and CHIP eligibility between April 2023 and May 2024.

**Ex Parte Renewals:** The State was able to automatically renew 50,607 of the individuals with June renewal dates through the *ex parte* process of using the members' available data, including data from programs such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). This process requires no action from members and these members did not receive a renewal packet.

**Pre-Populated Form Renewals:** For those who were not automatically renewed, Georgia sent redetermination packets to 169,442 individuals in May. These individuals had until the end of June to provide the State with updated information to retain their coverage. As of June 30, the State received over 46,000 completed packets.

The Georgia Department of Human Services sends all Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids® members a renewal notice via mail and/or electronic method based on an individual's preference about 45 days before their redetermination deadline. Individuals also receive a reminder letter 15 days before their redetermination deadline. The State has also undertaken efforts to contact individuals through other means, including phone calls and SMS text messages at 30 and 15 days before their redetermination deadline. Care Management Organizations (CMOs) are also partnering with the State to conduct additional outreach. Any individual who had their renewal packet returned to the State due to a bad address is held as pending until additional outreach can be completed.

In addition to these ongoing efforts, since September 2022, the Georgia Department of Community Health, Georgia Department of Human Services, and State of Georgia partners have been working to educate and mobilize Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids® members through a statewide public information campaign that includes TV and radio ads in English and Spanish, social media outreach, digital advertising, bus shelter signage, billboards, media outreach, regular partner briefings, informational videos, and resources in seven languages.



**Continuity of Coverage:** Medicaid coverage continues while renewals are processed, even if processing continues beyond the renewal date. Members can submit updated proof of eligibility up to 90 days after their termination date. If they are determined eligible, their coverage will be retroactively reinstated.

Members who feel they have been denied due to incorrect information, or for another reason, can appeal a denial up to 30 days after they receive their redetermination decision and elect to retain their coverage during the appeals process.

**Unwinding To Date:** Since the beginning of the Medicaid redetermination process in April 2023, approximately 71,000 Georgians have renewed Medicaid or PeachCare for Kids® coverage. Nearly 63,000 individuals have pending decisions and will retain coverage while their eligibility is determined.

More information on all options available to members can be found on the State's official microsite for Medicaid redetermination [www.staycovered.ga.gov](http://www.staycovered.ga.gov).

#### **About the Georgia Department of Community Health**

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