



INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 2415-MC-FFS

DATE: January 18, 2023

TO: All Iowa Medicaid Providers

APPLIES TO: Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service (FFS)

FROM: Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Iowa Medicaid

RE: Stakeholder Session – End of Continuous Coverage Requirement

EFFECTIVE: Upon Receipt

The purpose of this informational letter is to announce a stakeholder session covering the end of the continuous coverage requirement. The session will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, from 3:00 to 4:00 PM. Those interested in attending may register [here](#)¹.

On December 29, 2022, President Biden signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 that ends the Medicaid program's continuous coverage requirement as of April 1, 2023. Beginning April 1, Iowa Medicaid will no longer be required to maintain members' health coverage if they are found to be ineligible after an evaluation of their eligibility status.

From March 2020, through April 1, 2023, Iowa Medicaid was required to maintain continuous health care coverage for members. This meant that if a member's situation changed (e.g., financially) in a way that would normally disqualify them from the program, Iowa Medicaid was required to maintain coverage for the person during the public health emergency (PHE).

Most Medicaid members will go through a redetermination process during the 12-month unwinding period to determine if they are still eligible for any Medicaid program(s). This includes members who have not had a redetermination in the last 12 months and those who have been deemed ineligible but whose coverage is being maintained.

If you have questions or concerns prior to the session, please send them to IMEtownhall@dhs.state.ia.us.

¹ <https://www.tfaforms.com/5037109>