

The Unwinding of Medicaid

Spring 2023



Medicaid Renewals are Resuming!

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) is resuming annual renewals for Medicaid recipients. This process was put on hold during the COVID-related public health emergency (PHE). As a result of the return to regular eligibility verification operations, some Ohio Medicaid members will lose their Medicaid coverage in the next 12 months.

When is this happening?

- February 1, 2023: ODM will resume routine eligibility processes.
- March 1, 2023: ODM will begin sending renewal packets to members.
- Ohio's Medicaid unwinding will occur over a **12-month period of time**.
- Completed renewal packets are due within 30 days from the date they are mailed.
- Anyone who is no longer eligible will lose their coverage.



What do I need to do?

Make sure your most current contact information that ODM has on file is accurate. ODM will send you a renewal packet with forms. You or your authorized representative must respond and complete the packet, even if there are no changes.

Who do I contact for help?

- Contact or go to your county job and family services office or call: 1- 844-640-6446
- Renewal packets can also be completed online: <http://www.benefits.ohio.gov>
- To find your county job and family services office, go to: <https://medicaid.ohio.gov/home/update-contact-info/select-county-dropdown>

How do I get coverage?

- Complete the renewal packet if you receive one.
- If your coverage is terminated, there are free insurance navigators/assisters to help guide you through your next options.
- Contact your local navigators at 1-833-628-4467 or online at <http://www.getcoveredohio.org>

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Can I appeal or re-enroll?

If your coverage is terminated, you will receive a letter from ODM in the mail, which will include information about how to appeal and the deadline to appeal. You have the right to appeal.

Eligible members whose coverage has been discontinued for failing to respond (e.g., you did not complete the renewal packet) have 90 days to re-enroll in Medicaid without needing to submit a new application.

For more information: <https://www.disabilityrightsohio.org/medicaid-appeals-overview>

If I have a Waiver, does this affect me?

If you have a Medicaid Waiver or Developmental Disabilities Waiver, you will not lose your coverage. However, you must still complete any requested information from ODM (e.g., renewal packet). Your county board of developmental disabilities may be able to help you with the renewal process. *

Do you need help responding to Medicaid notifications?

An authorized representative can apply/renew/respond on your behalf. This is an individual, age 18 years or older, who acts in your place. You must provide a written statement naming the authorized representative and the tasks they may perform on the Medicaid member's behalf. This form can be used:

<https://medicaid.ohio.gov/static/Resources/Publications/Forms/ODM06723fillx.pdf>

With this authorization, all notices and communication provided by ODM and your county job and family services office will be sent to both, the member and the authorized representative.

*Some county boards of developmental disabilities (DD) have staff who can be your authorized representative. Check with your county board of DD if they have staff who can be your authorized representative.

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Important Information about Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)



WHAT IS SNAP?

SNAP helps eligible low-income Ohioans stretch their food budgets and buy healthy food. It is a program managed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

SNAP AMOUNT WILL BE REDUCED

SNAP benefits will be decreased back to the pre-pandemic amount. This means that a lower amount of money will be deposited onto your Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Card.

WHEN WILL THIS START?

Your benefits will be reduced to the typical amount (before the COVID-19 pandemic) beginning March 2023. Your first reduced payment will occur at the end of March 2023.

WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?

Congress temporarily increased your SNAP benefit amount during the COVID-19 public health emergency. This means you have been getting more money every month than you normally would. The federal law has changed and no longer adds the extra money to your monthly SNAP amount.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

For assistance, go to: www.Benefits.Ohio.Gov

Or call: 866-635-3748

You can also contact your local Food Bank.

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For more information, resources and support, contact us!

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Your SNAP payment will be reduced soon.