

Medicaid Unwinding Resources

Important Updates on Medicaid and CHIP Renewals: Training Slides for Partners to Use, Updated State Timelines, Free CMS Printed Product Ordering, and More

Training slides for partners to use

During the June 28th Monthly Partner Webinar on Medicaid and CHIP Renewals hosted by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), CMS walked through a set of slides that partners can download and use to educate people in their communities about Medicaid and CHIP renewals. The [training slides](#) are now available for download on the [Outreach and Educational Resources webpage](#) on [Medicaid.gov/unwinding](#). These slides cover what people enrolled in these programs need to do to renew their coverage with their state Medicaid or CHIP office, or how they can find other health coverage if they are no longer eligible for coverage with Medicaid or CHIP. **We encourage you to use these slides to help educate people in your community about Medicaid and CHIP renewals.** Talking points are included in the notes section of the PowerPoint. If you were not able to attend the webinar or need a refresher, you can find the webinar recording and transcript on the [CMS National Stakeholder Calls webpage](#).

Updated state timelines for initiating Medicaid and CHIP renewals

On June 30, 2023, CMS posted an updated version of the [Anticipated 2023 State Timelines for Initiating Unwinding-Related Renewals](#) as of June 29, 2023. This chart outlines state Medicaid and CHIP renewal timelines and distribution plans, including for individuals that states have preliminarily identified as likely ineligible for Medicaid and CHIP. You can find this chart under the Planning Tools & Templates section on [Medicaid.gov/unwinding](#).

Updates to phase 1 social media graphics

CMS has updated the Phase 1 social media graphics to help raise awareness that states are restarting Medicaid and CHIP renewals and encourage people to complete Medicaid or CHIP renewal forms and send them back right away. The graphics are available in English and Spanish in the [Phase 1 social media zip file](#) on the [Outreach and Educational Resources webpage](#) on [Medicaid.gov/unwinding](#). Feel free to share these with your networks.

New: Free CMS printed product ordering

Tear pads are now available for free to order through the [CMS Product Ordering website](#). This is the same design as the [tear pad](#) that is featured on the [Outreach and Education Resources page](#). Tear pads can be ordered in English and Spanish by following the steps below:

1. Visit [cms.hhs.gov/pow/](#) and click the “Request an Account” button.
2. Enter your information and click “save”. [Accounts and all products are free of charge.](#)
3. Look for an email from CMS POW Support, who will notify you when your request has been approved.
4. Once you have been approved, visit [cms.hhs.gov/pow/](#) and login using your username and password. You will need to enroll in password verification the first time you log in.
5. After you have logged in, find the search term box in the upper right, and search for the term “Losing Medicaid or CHIP?”.
6. On the screen, you will see the tear pad options for English and Spanish. Enter the number of copies you would like to order, then click “Add to Cart”.

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7. Click the “cart” icon in the upper right corner when you are ready to check out and follow the steps to place your order.

Upcoming partner webinars

HHS and CMS continue to host a series of monthly webinars on Medicaid and CHIP Renewals to educate partners. Topics covered during the webinar vary each month. Webinars take place the **fourth Wednesday of each month from 12:00pm - 1:00pm ET**. To register for upcoming webinars through September 2023 below, please click [here](#).

- July 26, 2023 @ 12:00pm ET
- August 23, 2023 @ 12:00pm ET
- September 27, 2023 @ 12:00pm ET

Recordings, transcripts, and slides from past webinars can be found on the [CMS National Stakeholder Calls webpage](#).

CMS Releases Calendar Year 2024 Home Health Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule

June 30: CMS released the Calendar Year 2024 Home Health Prospective Payment System proposed rule to update Medicare payment policies and rates for home health agencies. This proposed rule includes the implementation of legislation, including a proposed decrease to the payment update percentage to account for differences between the new and old payment systems, policies for the home intravenous immune globulin benefit, and revising payment for disposable negative pressure wound therapy. CMS is also soliciting comment on access to home health aide services. Finally, CMS is proposing how we pay for compression garments, a new statutory benefit for beneficiaries with lymphedema, starting in January 2024. Information can be found in this [fact sheet](#).

Deadline: 5 p.m. EDT on August 29, 2023

CMS Posts Program Year 2022 Open Payments Data to CMS.gov

June 30: CMS posted the Program Year 2022 Open Payments data to [CMS.gov](#). The posting includes updated data submitted and attested to by applicable manufacturers and group purchasing organizations that are required to annually report payments or transfers of value made to certain health care providers. Information about the Open Payments Program can be found [here](#).

CMS Opens National Patient Registry for New Alzheimer’s Drugs

July 6: With broader Medicare coverage now available for the recently FDA-approved Alzheimer’s drug lecanemab, CMS opened a Registry for Monoclonal Antibodies Directed Against Amyloid for the Treatment of Alzheimer’s Disease that is easily accessible online. To be eligible for Medicare payment for this new class of Alzheimer’s drugs, providers are required to submit data to a registry, as characterized in CMS’s [National Coverage Determination](#) issued in April. The CMS-facilitated registry is open for clinicians to access [here](#). Additional background information is available for providers [here](#) and for patients [here](#) and on [Medicare.gov](#).

CMS Proposes National Coverage Determination for Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty of Carotid Artery Concurrent with Stenting

July 11: CMS posted, and comments are being accepted, on a proposed National Coverage Determination (NCD) for Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty of the Carotid Artery Concurrent with Stenting. Information on the proposed NCD, and the location of the public comments section, can be found [here](#).

CMS Proposes Four-Year Extension of Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program Flexibilities

July 13: In the Calendar Year 2024 Physician Fee Schedule proposed rule, CMS proposed extending the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) Expanded Model's Public Health Emergency (PHE) flexibilities for four years. Currently, MDPP suppliers are required to resume in-person delivery of the MDPP set of services after December 31, 2023. In this rule, CMS aims to allow all MDPP suppliers to continue to use specific MDPP COVID-19 PHE flexibilities through December 30, 2027. The proposed flexibilities include the virtual delivery of MDPP services through distance learning. CMS also proposes simplifying MDPP's current performance-based payment structure by allowing fee-for-service payments for attendance by people with Medicare. Additional information can be found in the [Federal Register](#) notice.

Notice with Comment - Transitional Coverage for Emerging Technologies (CMS-3421-NC)

For more information on the TCET pathway, please visit: <https://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection/2023-13544/medicare-program-transitional-coverage-for-emerging-technologies>

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/notice-comment-transitional-coverage-emerging-technologies-cms-3421-nc> 8/28/2023 Deadline for comments 5:00 PM EST

- [CY 2024 Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule](https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/calendar-year-cy-2024-medicare-physician-fee-schedule-proposed-rule) Fact Sheet: <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/calendar-year-cy-2024-medicare-physician-fee-schedule-proposed-rule> The rule contains a proposal to pay for services involving community health workers, care navigators, and peer support specialists in furnishing medically necessary care.

IRA Updates

1. January 1, 2023 began the first quarterly period for which drug manufacturers are required to pay rebates to Medicare if their prices for certain Part B drugs increase faster than the rate of inflation. For these drugs, the beneficiaries coinsurance will be 20% of the inflation-adjusted payment amount, which will be less than what the beneficiary would pay in coinsurance otherwise.
 - a. <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/inflation-reduction-act-continues-lower-out-pocket-prescription-drug-costs-drugs-price-increases>
2. Beginning July 1, 2023 Individuals with Traditional Medicare who take insulin through a traditional pump will not pay more than \$35 for a month's supply of insulin, and the deductible will not apply to insulin. This also applies to individuals using pumps covered through the durable medical equipment benefit under Part B

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3. Beginning January 1, 2023 Adult vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), including the shingles vaccine, will be available to people with Medicare Part D at no cost to them.
 - a. Herpes Zoster (Shingles)
 - b. Tetanus
 - c. Diphtheria
 - d. Pertussis
 - e. Hepatitis A
 - f. Hepatitis B
4. Beginning Sept 1, 2023 CMS will announce the first 10 Medicare Part D drugs selected for the Drug Price Negotiation Program. Maximum fair prices negotiated for these first 10 Part D drugs will go into effect in 2026.

DME Disaster Training – Wednesday, August 9, 2023 – 1:30 PM EST

Title: Replacing Durable Medical Equipment & Prescription Drugs after a Disaster: Addressing the Needs of Medicare Beneficiaries

This training has been designed based on meeting the needs for education on DME replacement after a disaster or emergency. CMS has collaborated with other federal agencies: Administrative for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and Administration for Children and Families (ACF) to provide this invaluable training and resources to our Medicare suppliers and providers.

DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program: Temporary Gap Period

All Medicare Round 2021 Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, & Supplies (DMEPOS) Competitive Bidding Program (CBP) Contracts for Off-the-Shelf (OTS) back braces and OTS knee braces expire on December 31, 2023. Starting January 1, 2024, there will be a temporary gap in the DMEPOS CBP.

CMS plans to conduct bidding for the next round of the DMEPOS CBP after going through notice and comment rulemaking to further strengthen the DMEPOS CBP.

For additional information on the gap period, please see the [Temporary Gap Period \(PDF\)](#) fact sheet and continue to monitor the [CMS.gov](#) and [Competitive Bidding Implementation Contractor \(CBIC\)](#) websites for updates.

Additional updates

July 7: [HHS Announces Actions to Protect Consumers and Lower Health Care Costs](#)

- [Short-Term, Limited Duration Insurance \(STLDI\) Proposed Rule](#)
- [Request for Information \(RFI\) on Medical Credit Cards and Other Medical Payment Products](#)
- [No Surprises Act FAQs](#)

July 10: [Assessing Equity to Drive Health Care Improvements: Learnings from the CMS Innovation Center](#)

July 13: [Calendar Year 2024 Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule Advances Health Equity](#)

July 13: [Policies to Expand Behavioral Health Access & Increase Hospital Price Transparency in Calendar Year 2024 Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System & Ambulatory Surgical Center Proposed Rule](#)

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The National Training Program (NTP) Learning Management System (LMS) web site was recently refreshed. If you have an existing “[My Training](#)” account on our site, you won’t need to create a new one. If you’re new to the NTP LMS, you’ll need to [create a new account](#) under “My Training” to register for webinars and courses. Also, registration is open for the 2023 NTP Virtual Workshops below:

August 2023

- 1st – [Coordination of Benefits](#)
- 2nd – [Medicare Scenarios \(Casework Session\)](#)
- 3rd – [Medicare for People with End-Stage Renal Disease \(ESRD\)](#)
- 8th – [Medicare & Tax-Favored Health Programs](#)
- 9th – [Medicare Plan Finder](#)
- 10th – [Medicare Current Topics](#)