



MEDICAID UNWINDING UPDATE

Continuous Enrollment Requirement ends March 31, 2023; Eligibility Redeterminations Resume with Terminations Beginning as Early as April 1, 2023

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced in an [informational bulletin \(CIB\)](#) that state Medicaid programs can begin Medicaid eligibility redeterminations beginning February 1, 2023 and **can begin disenrolling ineligible individuals by April 1, 2023.**

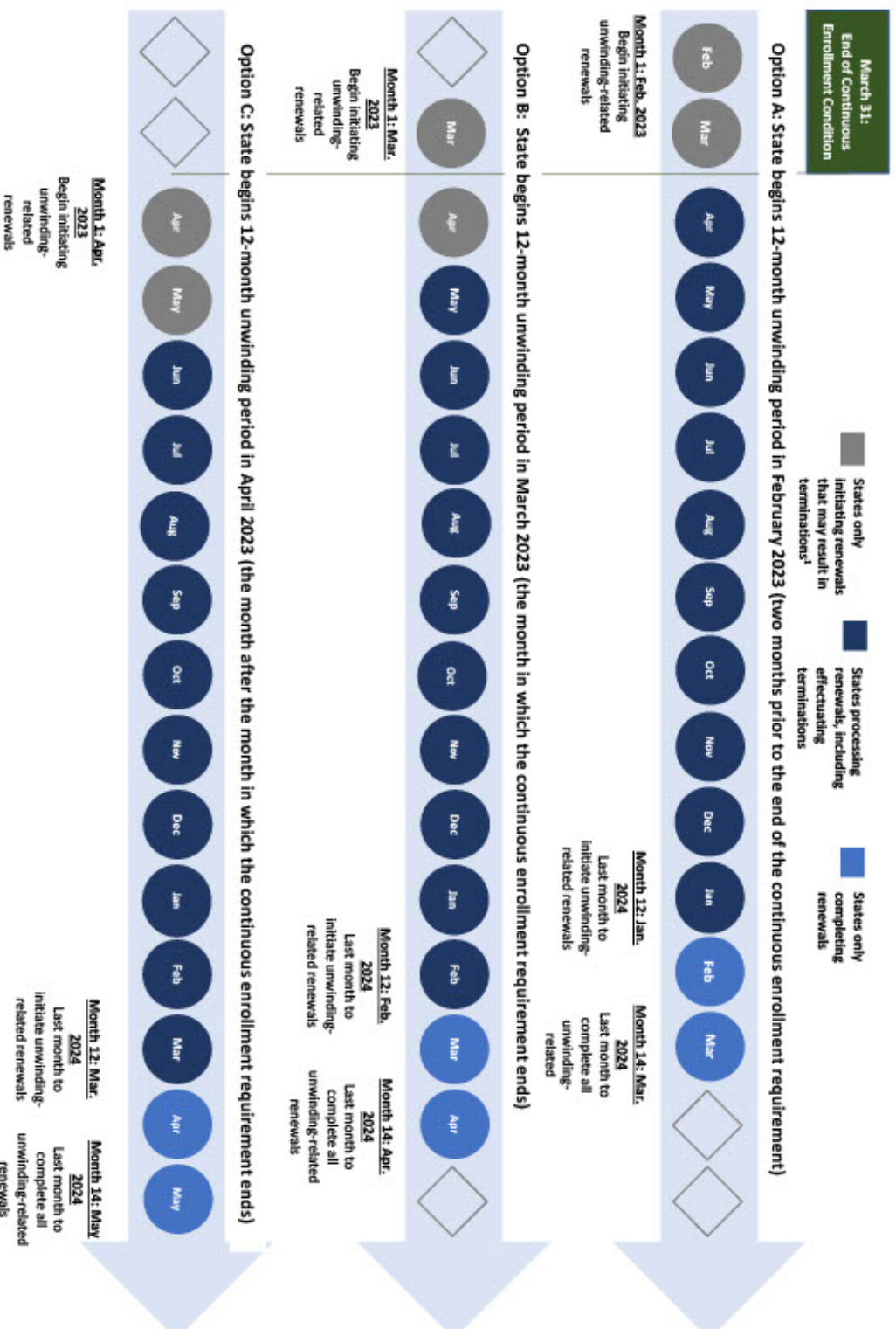
The continuous enrollment requirement permits individuals to remain on Medicaid regardless of a change in circumstance – like income – that would otherwise deem them ineligible for coverage. This began at the start of the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) and was intended to keep people enrolled throughout the PHE. **Now, states are permitted to return to normal eligibility and enrollment operations.**

Medicaid enrollees can expect to receive letters from their state's Medicaid program requesting updated contact information, income verification, or other information needed to determine an individual's eligibility. States may begin this process as soon as February 1 but this timeline will vary from state to state. It is now more important than ever that individuals ensure their contact information is up to date so that they do not miss these notifications.

Each state's redetermination cycle varies – usually between 60 to 90 days – so individuals can expect to be disenrolled if they no longer qualify for Medicaid coverage as early as April 1. However, this timeline will vary greatly for individual enrollees. See the graphic on the next page for a sample timeline, provided in the CIB.

Check out [NIHB's Medicaid Unwinding page](#) to download the Medicaid Unwinding Toolkit for Tribal Enrollment Assistants, which includes guidance, FAQs, and customizable graphics to use for social media education and clinic use.

Appendix B1 – Example 1: Unwinding Timeline for States with a 60-day Renewal Process



- For Options B and C above, states that begin their unwinding period in March or April 2023 are not prohibited from completing renewals after March 31, 2023, provided that the renewals are conducted in accordance with federal requirements at 42 C.F.R. §§ 435.916 and 457.343, including requirements to provide beneficiaries sufficient time to return a renewal form and needed documentation.