

## Changes to Apple Health continued coverage

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### Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2023 and the public health emergency

During the public health emergency (PHE) the Health Care Authority (HCA) extended coverage for all Apple Health (Medicaid) clients. This extension is now ending due to the Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2023.

This does not mean the PHE is ending. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will still determine when the PHE ends and give states 60 days' notice.

### Are clients losing their Apple Health coverage on April 1?

No. HCA anticipates resuming normal operations April 1, 2023. Clients will receive a renewal notice prior to the end of their certification period sometime over the next 12 months, based on a client's renewal date.

For example, clients with a renewal date in May, will receive a renewal notice in the month of April. Clients found not eligible could lose their coverage as early as 4/30, but more likely at the end of May.

Programs requiring the collection of premiums will resume at a future date following federal guidance.

### Estimates of affected clients

- Roughly 300,000 clients may be affected during the 12-month redetermination period.
- Clients will have the opportunity to renew their coverage prior to any closure or transition of coverage.

### What do clients need to do?

- [Update their contact information.](#)
- Watch for renewal notices and take timely action to keep their coverage.

### Volunteer Apple Health ambassador program

- Apple Health ambassadors are community partners who raise awareness around actions clients need to take to maintain their coverage.
- Learn how to volunteer for the [Apple Health ambassador program](#).

### More information

Stay tuned! HCA will share updates as we receive federal guidance.

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