

EXTENDING BLACK LIVES THROUGH ADVOCACY

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HEALTH EQUITY MANDATE

The NAACP is committed to driving equitable health outcomes and transforming healthcare systems through a comprehensive socioeconomic approach integrating health in all policies valuing the whole person.

HEALTH AND HEALTH EQUITY PILLARS

EQUITABLE, QUALITY
HEALTHCARE AND HEALTH
OUTCOMES

EQUITABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

INCLUSIVE HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURE

HEALTHY PEOPLE,
HEALTHY
COMMUNITIES



HEALTH EQUITY POLICY PRIORITIES

PRIORITY 1: To achieve a fully inclusive Health Care System that provides comprehensive and affordable health coverage resulting in positive outcomes.

PRIORITY 2: To grow an equitable food system.

PRIORITY 3: To support positive health community and social contexts.

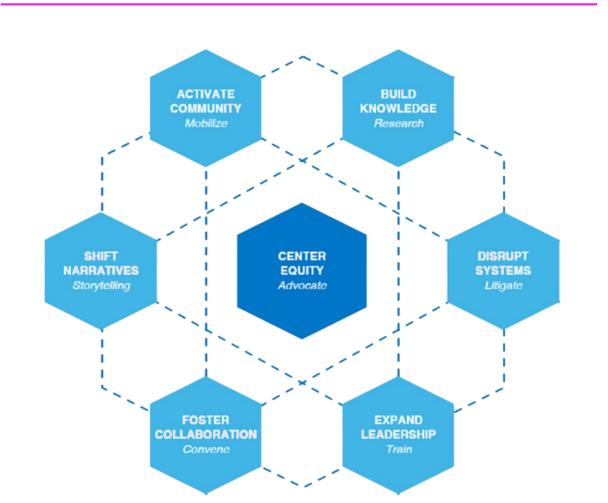
PRIORITY 4: To advocate for safe and harm-free neighborhoods .

PRIORITY 5: To develop an economically inclusive and stable ecosystem.

PRIORITY 6: To advocate for equitable education outcomes.



ACHIEVING HEALTH EQUITY 7-POINT ADVOCACY MODEL



TIMELINE OF MEDICAID ROLLBACKS

FEBRUARY 2020: Congress enacted the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), which included a requirement that Medicaid programs keep people continuously enrolled through the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE).

DECEMBER 2022: Six months ahead of the end of the PHE, a joint report was released urging Congress to take immediate action and prevent millions of families from losing health care coverage. *The report estimated that 15 million would lose coverage*, disparately impacting people of color.

APRIL 2023: Beginning April 1, states were able to *begin terminating Medicaid* enrollment for individuals no longer eligible.

MAY 2023: The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency officially ended. Coalition partners launched the Protect Our Healthcare Action Page to urge governors to maintain expanded Medicaid coverage during the Medicaid unwinding period.

November 2023: Data shows *almost 11 million have lost coverage*, and differences in renewal policies and systems capacity from state to state are impacting our most vulnerable

10.8 MILLION TERMINATED

ARE THERE REALISTIC SOLUTIONS?

BUILD OFF CONTINUOUS ENROLLMENT STRENGTHS

ELIGIBILITY
MATCHING
(SNAP, federal progs.)

OPTIMIZE CURRENT PROGRAMS (FQHC, school reg, etc.)



RESEARCH + SCORECARD =

HANDS OFF OUR HEALTH CARE

SIX MONTHS INTO UNWINDING

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HISTORY GREATEST MEDICAID COVERAGE DROP

HARM TO BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES

70%+ ARE LIKELY ELIGIBLE

HIGH TERMINATIONS = LOW STATE INVESTMENT

























Six Months into Unwinding: History's Deepest Medicaid Losses Demand State Action

Executive Summary

When Medicaid pandemic protections expired on April 1, 2023, states were allowed to redetermine eligibility and begin terminating families' Medicaid for the first time since February 2020. Medicaid is America's primary source of health care for low-income people, including children and families, low-wage workers, people with disabilities, and older adults.

During the first six months of this "unwinding," more people have lost Medicaid than during any two-year period in American history. Communities of color are suffering disproportionate losses. And most people terminated from Medicaid may still be eligible. Their coverage is ending because of nothing more than missing paperwork, often resulting from needless red tape and bureaucracy.

Despite years in which to prepare for unwinding, and despite abundant budget surpluses, some state leaders have not invested the resources needed for a Medicaid redetermination system good enough to trust with their own families' health care. In many states, this underinvestment has turned a very difficult situation into a civil rights and health equity disaster. Major state Medicaid reforms to combat paperwork terminations are now essential to shield struggling families from further harm.

Five key findings:

1. Medicaid losses during six months of unwinding already exceed history's greatest two-year drop in Medicaid enrollment.

Medicaid enrollment during unwinding has fallen by at least 5.3 million people, including 2.1 million children. This six-month drop exceeds history's worst two-year contraction, when the number of Medicaid beneficiaries fell by 3.6 million, including 1.2 million children, from 1996 to 1998, as federal welfare legislation took effect.

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MEDICAID COVERAGE SCORECARDS

Grade all state's and the District of Columbia's policies as it relates to procedural Medicaid terminations.

Urging states and the District of Columbia to stop procedural disenrollments until there is a new system that keeps every Medicaid eligible person covered.

Campaign goals are to mobilize community stakeholders to advocate for their respective home state to:

- 1. Pause all procedural Medicaid disenrollments;
- Push all states and the District of the Columbia to establish an automated renewals system and process moving forward to eliminate high rates of procedural disenrollment.





















SCORECARD GRADING

Data on states' procedural Medicaid disenrollment processes come directly from states, analyzed by CMS and KFF, and cross-verified to ensure accuracy and shield from litigation attempts. HIT Strategies has been commissioned to conduct the formal grading.

The grade for each state will be structured as a Pass (A), Incomplete, or Fail (F) for all states with an emphasis on the Governors' role in Medicaid unwinding.

PASSING	 State has a procedural disenrollment rate at or below 5%, OR State is working towards a comprehensive and accurate automatic renewal process State has voluntarily paused procedural disenrollments
INCOMPLETE	 State has a procedural disenrollment rate above 5%, <u>AND</u> State was forced to pause disenrollments due to eligibility system issue, <u>OR</u> State has not reported disenrollment data, <u>OR</u> State disenrollment began after <i>September 30, 2023</i>
FAILING	 State has a procedural disenrollment rate above 5%, <u>AND</u> State has not paused procedural disenrollments, <u>OR</u> State has not adopted Medicaid Expansion Moderated grades of F+ are given to failing states whose governor has proactively advocated for Medicaid expansion, but efforts are being blocked by the State Legislature. Moderated grades of F- are automatically given to states that have not adopted Medicaid Expansion.



WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR STATE?

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MEDICAID SCORECARD

Policy Graded

Since April 1, 2023, millions of eligible Americans have lost Medicaid coverage due to administrative issues. See how well your governor protected that coverage for all eligible Medicaid recipients in your state.



KIM REYNOLDS

Email your governor and tell them to keep families covered in your state. Visit naacp.org/medicaid

78,157

The number of Iowa residents terminated, or removed, from Medicaid since April 1, 2023

43,000+

The number of Iowa residents removed due to procedural, or administrative reasons, not eligibility

56%

The percent of procedural terminations as compared to total terminations in Iowa



















Nebraska

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The number of Nebraska residents terminated, 58,930 or removed, from Medicaid since April 1, 2023

The number of Nebraska residents removed 27,000+ due to procedural, or administrative reasons, not eligibility

The percent of procedural terminations as 47% compared to total terminations in Nebraska



















Advocate to KEEP OUR FAMILIES COVERED in these 3 simple ways:

- Urge your Governor to **pause** all procedural Medicaid disenrollments and **fix** the broken enrollment system.
- Download the scorecard of your state and post to social media, around the barbershop, and on the church bulletin board.
- Have you or a loved one lost Medicaid coverage since unwinding began? Share your story

HASHTAGS:

#HandsOffOurHealthcare #KeepingFamiliesCovered #MedicaidScorecard



MEMBER CAMPAIGN CHARGE

BE PREPARED SOCIALIZE THE MESSAGE STAY FOCUSED

STAY VISIBLE DOCUMENT EVERY WIN





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