

NAACP | Center for Health Equity

# 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.

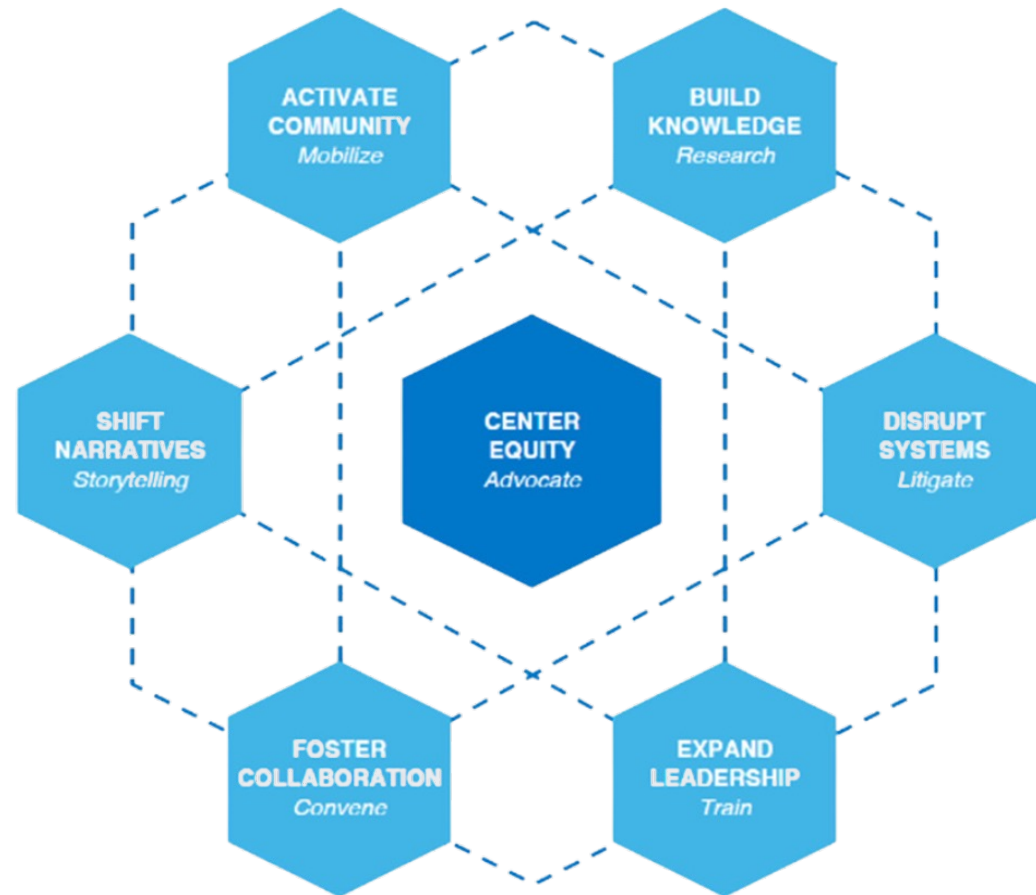
**PRIORITY 4:** To advocate for safe and harm-free neighborhoods .

**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

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# 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

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.

### HISTORY GREATEST MEDICAID COVERAGE DROP

### HARM TO BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES

### 70%+ ARE LIKELY ELIGIBLE

### HIGH TERMINATIONS = LOW STATE INVESTMENT

SCAN HERE TO



ACCESS REPORT



## MEDICAID COVERAGE SCORECARDS

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**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;**
2. 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

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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.

<b>PASSING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>State has a procedural disenrollment rate at or below 5%, <u><b>OR</b></u></li><li>State is working towards a comprehensive and accurate automatic renewal process</li><li>State has voluntarily paused procedural disenrollments</li></ul>
<b>INCOMPLETE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>State has a procedural disenrollment rate above 5%, <u><b>AND</b></u></li><li>State was forced to pause disenrollments due to eligibility system issue, <u><b>OR</b></u></li><li>State has not reported disenrollment data, <u><b>OR</b></u></li><li>State disenrollment began after <i>September 30, 2023</i></li></ul>
<b>FAILING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>State has a procedural disenrollment rate above 5%, <u><b>AND</b></u></li><li>State has not paused procedural disenrollments, <u><b>OR</b></u></li><li>State has not adopted Medicaid Expansion</li></ul> <p><small>Moderated grades of <b>F+</b> 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 <b>F-</b> are automatically given to states that have not adopted Medicaid Expansion.</small></p>

**WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR STATE?**

# Iowa

## 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](https://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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58,930

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

27,000+

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

47%

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



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

1

Urge your Governor to **pause** all procedural Medicaid disenrollments and **fix** the broken enrollment system.

2

Download the scorecard of your state and post to social media, around the barbershop, and on the church bulletin board.

3

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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