



April 1, 2022

The Honorable Chiquita Brooks-LaSure
Administrator
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Administrator Brooks-LaSure:

On behalf of the Partnership for Medicaid, we urge you to address an urgent issue in the Medicaid program² the potential loss of coverage for millions of beneficiaries at the end of the federal public health emergency (PHE). While we believe ending the PHE would be premature at this time, we are writing to ensure the unwinding is handled in a prudent manner that will minimize unintended consequences. The Partnership² a nonpartisan, nationwide coalition made up of organizations representing clinicians, health care providers, safety net plans, and counties² has supported many of the federal initiatives that protect the Medicaid program and its beneficiaries during these last two years of the pandemic.

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We are also encouraging Congress to institute additional protections to prevent massive coverage loss.

As policymakers have conversations about the timing of the end of the PHE, we strongly urge you to continue working with states on a predictable, transparent, and evidence-info

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a 120-day lead time before unwinding the FMAP and Maintenance of Effort provisions of the FFCRA. This will allow state Medicaid agencies sufficient time to transition plan and ensure enrollees have time to re-establish their Medicaid eligibility or transition to subsidized coverage in the Affordable Care Act Marketplaces. The recent story titled, Millions of vulnerable Americans likely to fall off Medicaid once the federal public health emergency ends the Washington Post, published on March 14, 2022, illustrates why providing states with as much time is needed to prevent as many as 16 million low-income Americans, millions of whom are children, from losing their vital coverage.

Our coalition welcomes the opportunity to work with you on this critical issue. We remain