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**New York State Medicaid Program Modifications COVID-19
Public Health Emergency Ending as It Relates to Medicaid
Application and Renewals**

This Alert is to inform Providers, Client Representatives, Community Based Organizations, Hospitals, Homecare Agencies, Advocates, Managed Care/ Managed Long Term Care Plans, and agencies assisting consumers in applying and recertifying Medicaid/Medicaid Homecare cases that the Easements that were implemented by New York State for Medicaid Applications and Renewal cases due to the COVID-19 emergency are ending.

Under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, the continuation of Medicaid easements is no longer tied to the Public Health Emergency (PHE). As such, as of April 1, 2023, the easements will begin to be lifted. At that time, continuous coverage will no longer be required. This means that all Renewal cases with authorization dates ending on June 30, 2023 will undergo a full review under pre-pandemic rules.

New Applications

Effective July 1, 2023, all new applications will be processed without easements, i.e. full eligibility documentation will be required. Currently, consumers are allowed to attest to part of the application process. Beginning July 1, 2023, the program will require full documentation on new applications.

Renewals

Renewals with authorization end dates through May 31, 2023, will be extended. However, renewals with authorization end dates in June 2023 must be fully processed (i.e. clients must return their renewal and provide relevant documentation to continue their coverage).

The Medical Assistance Program (MAP) anticipates that June 2023 renewals will be mailed in March or the beginning of April 2023. Consumers who have a renewal with an end date on June 30, 2023 or later (future months), will either have an insert in their renewal package informing them that they must respond to the renewal, or they will receive a separate mailing alerting them of the requirement to renew their Medicaid case.

Consumers who have a renewal that expires in the month of June 2023 must respond to the renewal package. If the renewal is not completed and returned, the case may close.

If the consumer returns the renewal, their case will be re-budgeted with their updated income. The current 2023 Medicaid allowable income levels will be applied to all renewal cases.

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