



NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Health Benefits

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February 20, 2023

RE: Continuous Coverage Unwinding (CCU) Medicaid Recertifications April-May 2023

Dear County Director of Social Services,

This is to notify the local agency of guidance regarding Medicaid recertifications with a certification period (cp) ending April 30, 2023 and May 31, 2023.

In December 2022, the U. S. Congress passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (CAA), also referred to as the Omnibus Bill which decoupled the continuous coverage requirement from the Public Health Emergency (PHE).

On January 30, 2023, the White House announced the Public Health Emergency(PHE) will end on May 11, 2023. With the ending of the PHE and decoupling of the continuous coverage requirement, the Division of Health Benefits (DHB) is providing guidance around activities counties should focus on prior to April 1, 2023. In an effort to assist counties with the upcoming workload during the CCU period, DHB is advising that local agencies cease any continued work on April recertifications and not initiate any May recertifications. DHB believes this will allow time for the local agencies to evaluate their internal procedures in preparation for the CCU.

DHB has determined that Medicaid recertifications with a cp ending **April 30, 2023 and May 31, 2023** will be evaluated systematically first through Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) e14 waiver criteria and then proceed through Straight Through Processing (STP).

The SNAP e14 waiver allows MAGI beneficiaries who are also receiving SNAP benefits to be automatically recertified for 12 months. SNAP gross income will be compared to the MAGI income limit according to household size. If the beneficiary is within the income limit, the cp will be extended for another 12 months.

If the recertification cannot be completed through SNAP e14 or STP, the case will fall out of processing and NC FAST will automatically extend the certification period out 12 months. These will be the remaining cases in the COVID-19 extension batch at the end of April and May 2023.

The goal of this effort is to give counties an opportunity to level set and focus on other priorities such as catching up on processing outstanding applications, changes in circumstances and Medicaid reports. We encourage you to focus on the following reports:

NC MEDICAID

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LOCATION: 79 T.W. Alexander Drive, Durham, NC 27709
MAILING ADDRESS: 2501 Mail Service Center, Raleigh NC 27699-2501
www.ncdhhs.gov • TEL: 919-813-5340 • FAX: 919-224-1070

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY / AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

- Change in Circumstance Reports (CIC)
 - Update email, phone number, address, living arrangement
- Returned Mail Report
- NCHC Clean Up Reports
 - These reports are located on NC FAST Help home page under the Medicaid Reports. Counties will have a maximum of 2 weeks to complete required actions. Refer to the NC FAST Red Communication Alert dated 2/20/2023 for specific details on actions necessary.
- COVID Extension Detail Report
- SDX Reports
- Incarceration Report
 - Complete the suspension requirements, but current benefit must be extended including those receiving parent caretaker coverage.
- Death Match Report
- PARIS Reports
- Bendex Report
- FRR/BEER Reports

As a reminder, for any activities related to the reports above, individuals who are determined ineligible during the PHE continuous coverage period must have benefits extended according to the policies in the COVID-19 administrative letters.

In the event caseworkers have begun manual recertifications on any cases with a cp ending April 30, 2023, DHB requests they cease any further activities. NC FAST will extend those recertifications out 12 months.

If you have questions please contact your [Medicaid Operational Support Team \(OST\) Representative](#).

Sincerely,

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Cc: Medicaid OST Staff
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