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TO: YADAC Staff and Contracted Providers

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SUBJECT: Guidance for the End of Medicaid Continuous Coverage

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YADAC MEMO RE: END OF MEDICAID CONTINUOUS COVERAGE GUIDANCE

YADAC has been made aware that the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 set April 1, 2023, as the end of continuous coverage for MA and CHIP, and as such, the Department of Human Services (DHS) will return to normal eligibility processes. Therefore, YADAC is distributing this memo as guidance to ensure that anyone affected by this act has a seamless transition with no interruption of necessary insurance coverage.

WHAT WE KNOW FROM DHS:

- Recipients must complete an annual renewal to see if they are still eligible for coverage.
 - A renewal packet will come in the mail when it is time to renew their MA and should come about 90 days before it is due.
 - Not all renewals will be sent right after April 1, 2023. The process OF renewals will take 12 months, so they ask recipients to be on the lookout for packets when it is time to renew coverage. If a recipient signs up for alerts, DHS can send text messages when the renewal is mailed.
- Recipients should watch for their renewal and complete it as soon as they can to avoid a loss of coverage.
 - DHS asks that recipients complete the renewal regardless of whether their case has changed or not.
- DHS and their partners at Pennie (Pennsylvania's official health and dental insurance marketplace) are working hard to make sure that Pennsylvanians can get coverage either through MA, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), or affordable coverage available through pennie.com.
 - Completing this renewal helps DHS keep the recipient's MA or CHIP coverage open or connect them to other affordable health coverage options if they no longer qualify.
- If individuals do not have coverage for substance abuse services, they may apply for SCA funding per our C-11 SCA Treatment Funding Authorization policy.

As YADAC funding is to be pursued as a last resort, individuals accessing our funding must follow through with the renewal process. Our goal is to ensure that individuals have access to necessary coverage for their treatment

WHAT CAN WE DO NOW TO HELP:

- The most important thing to do NOW is to make sure recipients address and phone number are up to date with DHS to ensure they receive important information about their coverage. Recipients may report changes to the Customer Service Center at 1-877-395-8930 or online through their COMPASS account.
 - YADAC strongly encourages Case Managers to begin to assist recipients in gaining or setting up access to their online portal: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Compass>. This is the fastest & easiest way to access their account to make any necessary updates. There is a myCOMPASS PA application for phones as well.
- YADAC's expectation is that case managers assist recipients with completing and returning their renewal forms. This assistance is a billable service with CCBH or YADAC as appropriate.

If anyone has any questions, please call us (717) 771-9222