

Be Informed About the End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

There are important changes to healthcare services. The federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency ended on May 11, 2023. During the public health emergency, states received extra funding for their Medicaid programs. They relaxed their requirements for enrollment and kept people enrolled. COVID-19 is still a health problem. **It is important to stay informed!**

What Stayed the Same?

- COVID-19 vaccines and treatments are still available.
- People can still get COVID-19 vaccines and some treatments for free.
- People with Medicare or Medicaid are still able to use telehealth.



What Changed?

- People may have to pay for some COVID-19 treatments like they would for other medicines.
- Some programs for people who use Medicare and Medicaid have ended.
- Private insurances are not required to pay for COVID-19 testing.
- Medicare Part B coverage for COVID-19 lab testing have stayed the same, but over-the-counter tests are no longer free.
- People may not be able to get prescriptions for some medicines through telehealth. They may have to go to the doctor.

Important Tips

- Make sure your state Medicaid agency has your current contact information such as mailing address, phone number, and email address.
- If you receive a Medicaid renewal form, fill it out and return it right away to avoid gaps in your health insurance.
- Check with your state Medicaid agency or healthcare provider about changes to your eligibility.
- If you are no longer eligible for Medicaid, you can enroll in the Health Insurance Marketplace (healthcare.gov). People will be allowed to enroll until **July 31, 2024**.
- If you believe your Medicaid ended or your coverage changed because of an error, you have the right to appeal. Medicaid coverage will continue during the appeal.
- If you have questions on how the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency impacts you, you can talk to your healthcare provider or your disability agency provider.

