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First Wave of Nevada Medicaid Redeterminations Happening Now

Those who lose health coverage through Medicaid can look for plans on NevadaHealthLink.com

<u>Click to Tweet</u>: Losing your NV Medicaid benefits? Visit NevadaHealthLink.com to seek options for low-cost, affordable health insurance plans in Nevada. Free enrollment assistance is available.

(CARSON CITY, Nev.) – As the state <u>unwinds from the federal public health emergency</u>, the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) has begun the reevaluation of all Medicaid enrollments for the first time since 2020 during which you may lose coverage under Medicaid. In April, the first wave of recipients received their renewal packets in the mail. Those who did not respond or who no longer qualify based on income or other factors will lose their benefits starting June 1, 2023. <u>Nevada Health Link</u> is available as the go-to resource to help people stay insured.

The DWSS is working with the state-based health insurance marketplace

NevadaHealthLink.com to transfer individuals who were not renewed into Medicaid to help them find a plan to keep them insured. Nevadans who exceed the income limits to receive Medicaid benefits may be eligible for tax credits, or subsidies through Nevada Health Link. Additionally, those who do not respond to their renewal packet in the mail can contact DWSS to reapply for Medicaid or visit NevadaHealthLink.com to seek new coverage options. This unwinding process will take place through June 2024.

"Our priority is keeping Nevadans insured so they don't experience a lapse in coverage. Nevada Health Link partners with hundreds of certified enrollment assistants and brokers who are available to meet with individuals at no cost to help them find a new plan through Nevada Health Link," says Nevada Health Link Chief Operations Officer Janel Davis. "The best thing to do right now if you are on Medicaid is to update your contact information with the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS) and to look out for your renewal packet in the mail. Once you receive that, fill it out within 60 days and return it to DWSS."

Prior to 2020, an average of 700,000 Nevadans were enrolled in Medicaid. Public health regulations enacted during the pandemic resulted in over 900,000 being enrolled in Medicaid. While this increase is not expected to continue at these numbers, Nevadans who lose Medicaid coverage after their reevaluation still have options available to them.

Nevada Health Link offers a range of qualified health plan options across seven private insurance carriers, all who cover the <u>10 Essential Health Benefits</u>, which include coverage of ambulatory, emergency, hospitalization, maternity, mental health, prescription drugs, rehab, lab services, preventative visits and pediatric care. Nevada Health Link is also the only place Nevadans can receive subsidized plans to help reduce the costs of monthly premiums, some even as low as \$0 per month.

Nevadans should be aware of scammers nationwide who are attempting to take advantage of vulnerable individuals at risk of losing Medicaid by offering fraudulent services that request for payment to renew. Be aware that Medicaid, the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS), and Nevada Health Link will never ask you to pay to renew coverage. If you suspect you received a fraudulent text, call or email, should report the incident to the Attorney General's Office here or by calling the Bureau of Consumer Protection's hotline at (888) 434-9989.

To update your address with Medicaid to receive your renewal packet, visit the <u>Update My Address website</u>. For questions about your Medicaid renewal, visit <u>www.medicaid.nv.gov</u>, call (877) 638-3472 or visit a local Medicaid office. For more information about Nevada Health Link, visit <u>NevadaHealthLink.com</u> or call 1-800-547-2927. The Nevada Health Link Call Center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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ABOUT NEVADA HEALTH LINK

NevadaHealthLink.com is Nevada's online health insurance marketplace for qualified and affordable health plans. NevadaHealthLink.com is operated by the state agency, the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange, and is the only place where qualifying consumers can receive federal tax credits to help lower the costs of monthly premiums. The state-based marketplace offers over 160 different plan options across seven health insurance carriers. Nevada Health Link also partners with multiple dental carriers and offers vision plans through VSP. Nevada Health Link is ideal for those who do not qualify for Medicare or Medicaid and do not have employer-sponsored health insurance. Open Enrollment Period runs from November 1 through January 15. Outside of the Open Enrollment Period, Nevadans who have experienced a Qualifying Life Event (QLE) such as loss of insurance (including Medicaid determinations), getting married or divorced, moving or having a baby, can qualify for a Special Enrollment Period. For Nevadans who are not renewed for Medicaid benefits during the redetermination process, qualifying accounts will automatically be transferred to Nevada Health Link. For more information, visit NevadaHealthLink.com; subscribe to Nevada Health Link's YouTube channel; like us on Facebook or follow on Twitter,, Instagram and TikTok. Nevada Health Link

encourages consumers to use the free assistance of a licensed enrollment professional by calling 1-800-547-2927 or by visiting <u>NevadaHealthLink.com</u>.