

CMS Issues Final Rule on Eligibility and Enrollment for Medicaid, CHIP, and the Basic Health Program

- On March 27, 2024, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule on eligibility and enrollment processes for Medicaid, the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and the Basic Health Program (BHP) (Final Rule).
- The Final Rule aligns enrollment and renewal requirements for most individuals in Medicaid.
- The Final Rule establishes beneficiary protections related to returned mail, requiring States to take reasonable steps to locate and update the contact information of beneficiaries who may have moved before terminating their coverage or taking any other adverse action.
- The Final Rule creates timeliness requirements for redeterminations of eligibility and makes transitions between programs easier.
- For children enrolled in CHIP, the Final Rule prohibits premium lock-out periods, benefit limitations, and waiting periods.
- The Final Rule also updates recordkeeping requirements to ensure proper documentation of eligibility determinations.
- The Final Rule is scheduled to be published in the Federal Register on April 2, 2024 and will be effective 60 days after publication.

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