

Infographics on the Unwinding Provisions in the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA)

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Congress passed the [Consolidated Appropriations Act](#) on December 23, 2023, an omnibus funding package that separates the Medicaid continuous coverage provision from the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), provides a fixed end date for the Medicaid continuous coverage guarantee of March 31, 2023, a gradual phase down of the [Families First Coronavirus Response Act \(FFCRA\)](#) enhanced federal match rate, and new guardrails to prioritize coverage retention and smooth coverage transitions during the “unwinding.”

The infographics below provide an overview of the key changes to the parameters for unwinding enacted by the CAA as well as an illustrative continuous coverage unwinding timeline under the CAA. The infographics are intended to help states communicate internally or with key stakeholders about the Medicaid continuous enrollment condition provisions in the CAA and can be downloaded to use in communications. The infographics are also available to download as a PowerPoint [here](#).

CAA Changes to Unwinding Parameters

With enactment of the CAA, Congress has responded to states' requests for certainty on timing for the end of continuous coverage requirement and stability of enhanced federal funding to support unwinding. Section 5131 makes the following key changes to the parameters for unwinding.



Decouples the Medicaid continuous coverage requirement from the end of the PHE and provides a new statutory end date of March 31, 2023.



Permits states to initiate Medicaid renewals as early as February 1, 2023 (though states may not terminate Medicaid enrollment until April 1, 2023).



Maintains the timeline of 12 months to initiate and 14 months to complete renewals (as previously established in Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidance).



Provides for continued federal funding during unwinding through a nine-month phase-down of the enhanced FMAP.



Makes receipt of the enhanced FMAP during the phase-down period contingent on certain conditions.

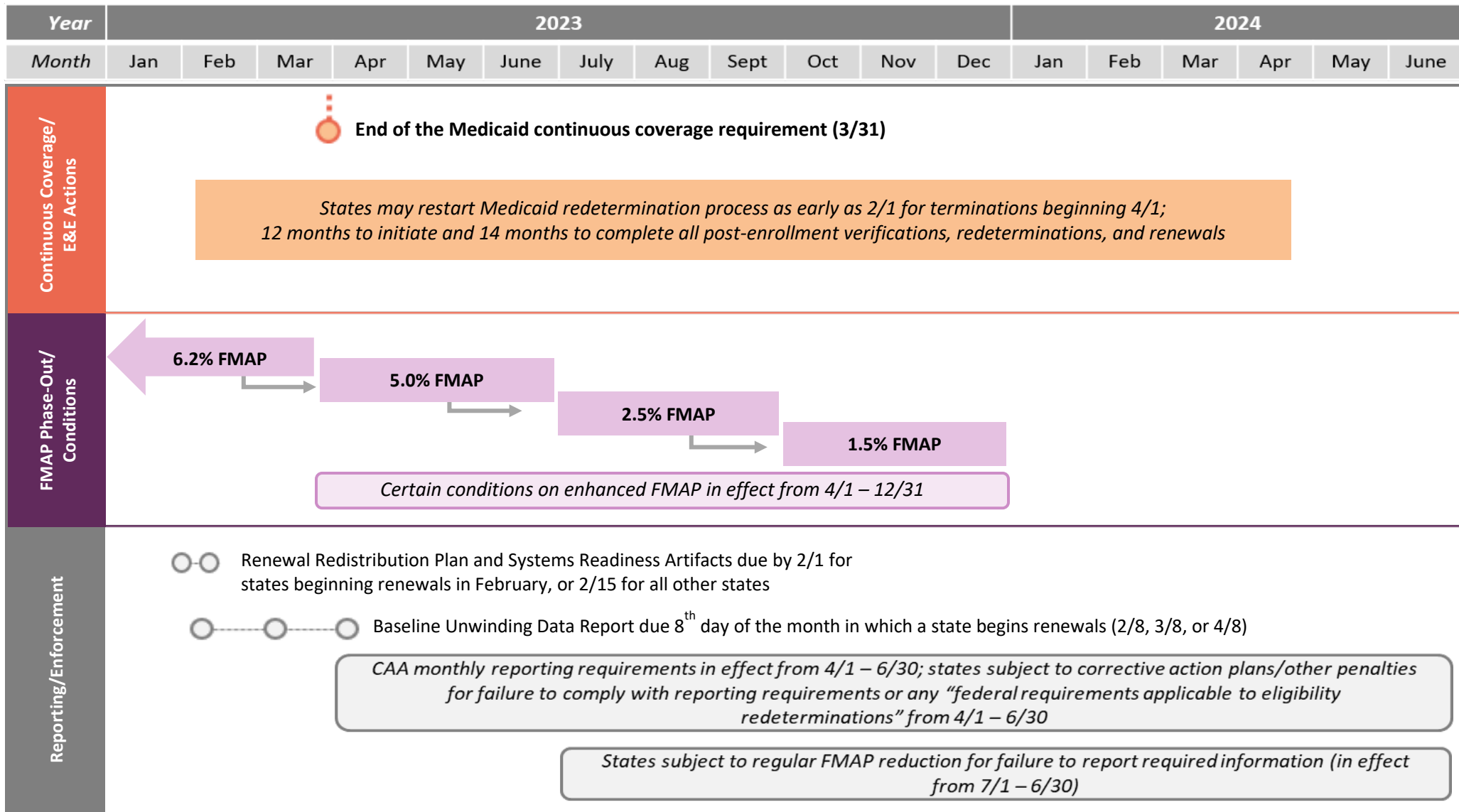


Institutes new reporting requirements to enable CMS oversight of unwinding and improve transparency.



Gives CMS targeted enforcement powers to reduce states' regular FMAP, require corrective action plans, suspend procedural terminations, and impose civil monetary penalties.

Illustrative Continuous Coverage Unwinding Timeline Under CAA



Source: SHVS, [Unwinding Provisions in the 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act](#); and CMCS Informational Bulletin, [Key Dates Related to the Medicaid Continuous Enrollment Condition Provisions in the CAA](#).