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Background

Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released its first round of post-pandemic Medicaid renewal data, including information on disenrollments and procedural disenrollments pursuant to the Medicaid redetermination process. The data revealed the number of enrollees transferred from Medicaid/CHIP to the insurance exchanges, as well as whether those enrollees were eligible to enroll in a qualified health plan and whether they had selected a plan.

Connecting to Coverage Coalition Statement

The Connecting to Coverage Coalition (CCC) (<u>http://www.connectingtocoverage.org</u>) applauds CMS on the long-awaited data release of its first round of post-pandemic Medicaid renewal data. This data will be of tremendous value in evaluating how states are handling the unprecedented volume of Medicaid eligibility redeterminations taking place nationwide as a result of the unwinding of Medicaid's pandemicera continuous coverage provision.

The Medicaid program remains the nation's primary health care safety net for vulnerable populations, and it is critical that people eligible for Medicaid remain covered. For those Americans no longer eligible for Medicaid, it is essential that resources and policies are in place to ensure they are seamlessly connected to coverage, either through the Marketplace, employer-sponsored coverage, or Medicare. The data released today will provide needed transparency as we, as a nation, track progress in ensuring an effective transition of coverage for millions of vulnerable Americans during the unwinding.

The member organizations of the CCC are committed to being part of solutions to protect against people becoming uninsured as a result of the unwinding process, especially among children and at-risk adults.

About the Connecting to Coverage Coalition

Led by AHIP, the CCC is a national coalition committed to being a single source of trusted information about the Medicaid redetermination process. The CCC will also work to convene stakeholders to support information sharing, build on best practices, and develop solutions to ensure Americans are able to enroll in coverage that is right for themselves and their families. By working together, the CCC will support a smooth transition back to normal Medicaid eligibility during this unprecedented redetermination process, connect Americans to resources, and help them connect to coverage through other available health insurance, such as individual market or ACA marketplace coverage, employerprovided coverage, or separate coverage under the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

Members of the CCC include: Alliance of Community Health Plans, American Benefits Council, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, American Health Care Association, American Hospital



Association, American Medical Association, American Speech-Language Hearing Association, Association for Community Affiliated Plans, Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, Cancer Support Community, Mental Health America, Catholic Health Association of the United States, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Epilepsy Foundation, Federation of American Hospitals, Healthcare Leadership Council, Medicaid Health Plans of America, National Association of Benefits and Insurance Professionals, National Association of Community Health Centers, National Council for Mental Well Being, The Arc of the United States, and Unidos US

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