

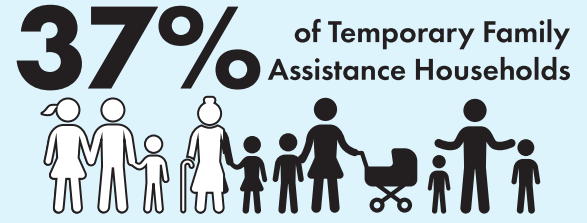
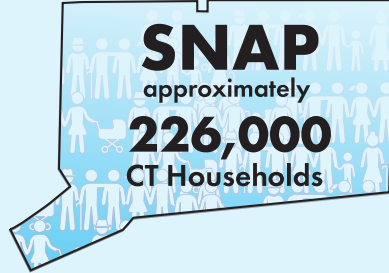
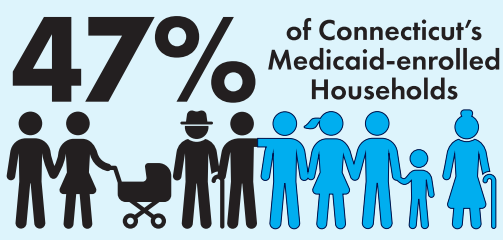
Preparing for the End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE)

Welcome to Our Weekly Bulletin

CT DSS is excited to launch our weekly bulletin to help key partners like you stay informed about the unwinding of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. In this bulletin, you'll find weekly updates, an explanation of the unwinding, actions that Connecticut is taking, and steps you can take to support the people you serve.

Understanding the Unwinding

Clients impacted by the PHE Unwinding:



At the end of last year, Congress passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 which will roll back some of the provisions enacted under the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency declaration. This includes...



End of SNAP Emergency Allotments

SNAP recipients received a minimum \$95 emergency allotment under the PHE. **Mid-February 2023** is when they will receive their last emergency allotment. SNAP recipients will also have to comply with typical renewal and eligibility guidelines. **This will impact approximately 225,538 households.**



Renewal for Medicaid Eligibility

The PHE included a mandate for continuous eligibility of Medicaid recipients. **Approximately 254,000 households are on an extension.** Starting in April 2023, Connecticut will resume monthly eligibility reviews for HUSKY enrollees. Members will be notified beginning **March 15, 2023** and will have **45 days to renew.** Many renewals will be **passive.**



Time Limits Imposed on Temporary Family Assistance

During the PHE, people receiving TFA have been eligible for payments beyond the 21-month time limit. Individuals and families will be notified of final payments if they are near or past the 21-month limit. **This will impact 2,350 households of the 6,400 on TFA.**



Phasing Out Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage

Under the PHE, states like Connecticut received additional federal funding to support Medicaid and CHIP. This funding will be phased out beginning **March 31st, 2023 to January 1, 2024.**

Connecticut's Response

Connecticut agencies are working hard to ensure that no one is left behind. Our state has spent more money for longer compared to other states in order to extend benefits as long as possible. Examples of our response to the unwinding include...



Texting Program

To ensure that no one is left behind, Connecticut is expanding its texting program to ensure that SNAP and HUSKY clients receive timely notifications of changes to their benefits and support during the renewal process.



Partnership with ASOs and Access Health CT

DSS has been working closely with our state's ASOs and Access Health CT to ensure that HUSKY members keep their Medicaid health insurance or become enrolled in other free or low-cost insurance plans.

What You Can Do

Some steps you can take include:

- **Keep your network informed:** Share information from this bulletin and other resources with those you serve.
- **Ask us questions:** Help us help you by requesting information.
- **Advocate:** Help identify gaps in resources as a result of the PHE unwinding and advocate for the needs of the people you serve.
- **Keep contact information current:** Ask the people in your networks who receive benefits from DSS to update their contact information with us if they have any changes. Direct them to the **Update Us So We Can Update You** page.



Find Out More

Visit portal.ct.gov/phe for comprehensive information on the unwinding. Check out the videos below for a better understanding of how partners and clients can adapt to the upcoming end of the PHE.

For Clients



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For Program Partners



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