

Stay Connected to Stay Covered:

What you need to know about changes to MaineCare starting in April 2023

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government prevented people from losing their Medicaid (MaineCare) and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP/CubCare) coverage even if their income or household size changed. Now that this special coverage period has ended, everyone with MaineCare will need to go through the renewal process in the next year to see if you are still eligible.

If you have MaineCare, your coverage will need to be renewed. What does that mean?

You renew your MaineCare every year by reporting changes to your household and income. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will send you a letter in the mail, or an e-notice telling you when it's your turn to renew. This form will arrive between April 2023 and March 2024. **Complete and return the form as soon as possible to avoid gaps in your health insurance coverage.** If you don't complete your renewal before the due date, your MaineCare coverage will end.

How to avoid gaps in MaineCare coverage:

- Update your address and contact information with DHHS. Visit <u>MyMaineConnection.gov</u> or call 1-855-797-4357 and select option 1.
- 2. **Be on the lookout for your renewal form.** If you receive notices by mail, look for the envelope with the *blue block*. If you selected e-notices, make sure to check your spam folder and pay attention to your online portal messages.
- 3. Return the completed form by mail or via MyMaineConnection.gov ASAP!

What happens if you lose your MaineCare?

If you are over income for MaineCare, you are likely eligible for subsidies on the Health Insurance Marketplace to help you pay for an affordable plan. You have 90 days after losing MaineCare to enroll in new coverage at CoverME.gov.

Contact Consumers for Affordable Health Care (CAHC) for more information or for assistance enrolling in a Marketplace plan at 1-800-965-7476.

If your employer offers health insurance, you have 60 days to enroll in coverage.

If you didn't complete your renewal form by the deadline and think you're still eligible, you have a 90-day reconsideration period to complete the overdue renewal.