

# Q&A - Medicaid Unwind

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## Is there an easy way for a school to check current eligibility status for their students before submitting a claim?

You would need to have someone who has access to MMIS. School providers are able to look up member eligibility. The available information is relatively limited, but it will tell you that the student is eligible on that day.

## Is it possible to see a list of who is due to be renewed?

The Managed Care Organizations - referred to as MCOs - that administer many Medicaid benefits are great partners; members of the community can partner with them to get that information. Information about the three health plans is available [here](#).

## Do schools have to coordinate with DHHS if they are going to try to host an event to share this information?

Schools do not have to coordinate with DHHS, but schools are welcome to notify DHHS that they are hosting an event. If you would like someone who is more knowledgeable about the renewal process or would like someone on site to help with renewals, please reach out to UNH IHPP at [Rebecca.Simon@unh.edu](mailto:Rebecca.Simon@unh.edu) and we can connect you to DHHS.

## What percentage of children who are eligible for Medicaid are connected with an MCO? How is that determination made?

Most children are connected with an MCO, even though the child receives services at school. Services rendered to children at school are administered fee-for-service, which means that there is no health plan involvement with respect to services delivered at school. Even if students are enrolled in an MCO, claims for school-based services are carved out and go through the fee-for-service system.

Medicaid members receive short-term medical care benefits delivered outside of school through three MCOs. Every year there is open enrollment at which time members can choose with which MCO they would like to enroll. There is likely an automated process that assigns a member to an MCO if a member does not choose an MCO within a certain time frame. The MCOs hold contracts with providers, set rates, determine quality metrics, and hit other targets established by the state to fulfill federal compliance requirements.

## How many students were eligible prior to COVID and are now no longer eligible?

The income eligibility threshold for children has not changed during the public health emergency. The federal poverty limits changed so that more people qualify as being low-income. Federal poverty level increases are annual.

If you want a detailed look at how many people were in the children eligibility category in March of 2020 and compare it to the number of people in the children eligibility category now, DHHS posts enrollment

data each month [here](#). Click on the link entitled “Medicaid Enrollment Data” on the lower right -hand side to be taken to the most recent enrollment report. To see publicly available data about the Unwind in NH, data is available [here](#).

### **Does the application process change if the child misses their renewal period?**

Generally, no. Because of the 90-day reconsideration period, a member’s coverage can be reopened back to the day their coverage ended if they provide the missing renewal; documents. Through the standard renewal process, there is a renewal application and there can be additional verifications required by DHHS to validate whether someone is at a particular income level, residence, etc.