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# Planning for the End of the Public Health Emergency

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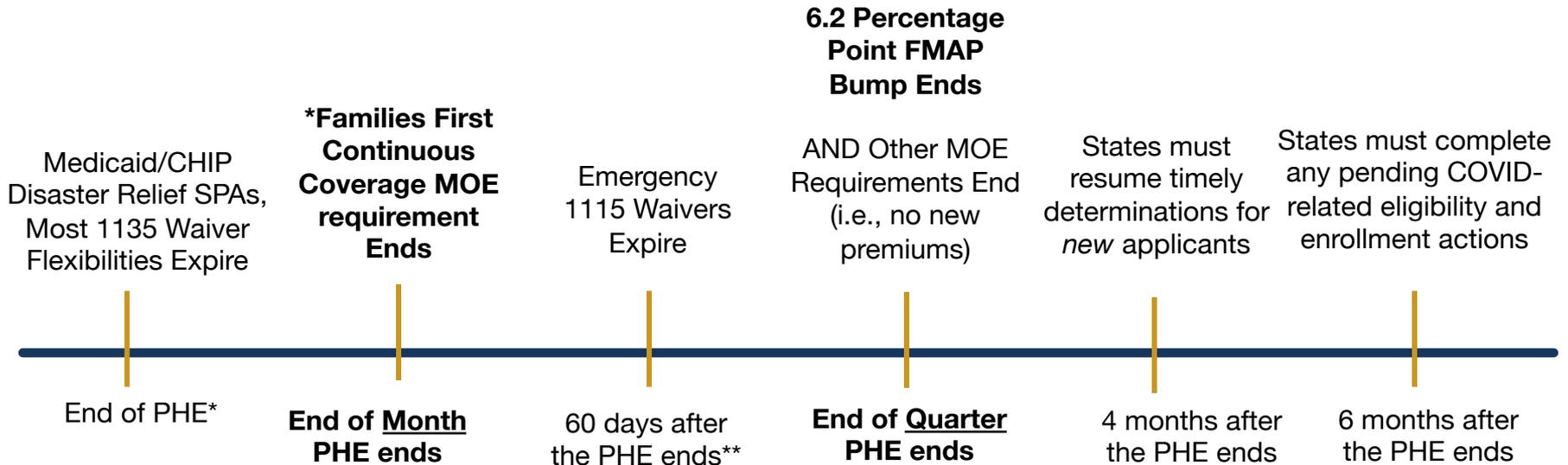
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# Medicaid/CHIP Authorities Tied to PHE

Flexibility	Expiration Timeline	Current End Date**
<b>Section 1135 Waiver</b>	<b>End of the PHE</b> (unless for certain waivers, CMS has authorized a grace period)	<b>October 17, 2021**</b> (unless a grace period has been authorized)
<b>Medicaid Disaster Relief State Plan Amendment (SPA)</b>	<b>End of the PHE</b> (or an <i>earlier</i> date chosen by state and approved by CMS)	<b>October 17, 2021**</b> (or an earlier approved date)
<b>CHIP Disaster Relief SPA</b>	<b>End of the PHE or state-declared emergency</b> (or an <i>earlier</i> date chosen by state and approved by CMS)	<b>October 17, 2021**</b> (or an earlier date approved date OR a later date if state-declared emergency continues)
<b>Section 1915(c) Appendix K</b>	<b>Variable*</b> (up to 6 months after end of the PHE)	up to <b>April 17, 2022**</b> (if flexibilities are renewed)
<b>Emergency Section 1115 Waiver</b>	<b>60 days after the end of the PHE</b> (or an <i>earlier</i> date chosen by state and approved by CMS)	<b>December 16, 2021**</b> (or an earlier approved date)

**\*\*expected to be further extended through 2021 per HHS; will provide 60 days notice**

# Other Key Dates



\* Unless earlier date noted in SPA or waiver and approved by CMS

\*\* 60 days after the PHE ends could come *after* the end of the quarter depending on the end date of the PHE

For more on the timeline and state requirements for the end of the PHE, see CMS guidance, "Planning for the Resumption of Normal State Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and Basic Health Program (BHP) Operations Upon Conclusion of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency," <https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/sho20004.pdf>.



# Coverage Changes Made Under PHE Authorities

- Examples:
  - Adopted 12 month continuous eligibility for children (4 states)
  - Eliminated cost-sharing in CHIP (11 states)
  - Eliminated premiums and premium lock-outs in CHIP (20 states)
  - Expanded presumptive eligibility such as expanding qualified entities or applicable populations

# Service/Delivery System Changes Made Under PHE Authorities

- Telehealth
  - Allow services to be provided via telecommunication
  - Reimburse telehealth services at face-to-face rates
  - Lift prior authorization requirements or caps on the number of telehealth services that can be provided each week
  - Allow “audio-only” communication for telemedicine
- Modify or suspend prior authorization requirements for certain services
- Allow electronic signatures or verbal consent for required HCBS documents in lieu of written consent/signatures

# Communication Priorities & State Engagement

- Provide notice about changes to benefits and requirements when flexibilities end
  - I.e. premiums or cost-sharing reinstated
- Notices of termination/ineligibility
- Engaging with the state on plans for end of PHE

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# Q&A

