

## **City Council Agenda Item**

Subject: DHS Medicaid Redetermination Presentation – Legislative Offices

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Work Session Date: June 20, 2023

Council Meeting Date: June 20, 2023

## Background/History:

The U.S. Congress passed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. FFCRA gave states a temporary 6.2% Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) increase if states ensured continuous coverage for individuals on Medicaid on or after March 18, 2020, with a step down per quarter during calendar year 2023.

In December 2022, Congress passed a federal spending bill that separates the end of the FFCRA continuous enrollment condition from the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency (COVID-19 PHE), and ends that condition on March 31, 2023, thus enabling states to terminate Medicaid enrollment of individuals who no longer meet Medicaid eligibility requirements on or after April 1, 2023.

Guidance has evolved at Medicaid.gov for how states should conduct Medicaid redeterminations, address workforce and technology challenges, notify individuals that their coverage may end, and offer opportunities for supplying more information or appealing a decision.

Currently, states will have a 14-month window from April 1, 2023 to conduct redeterminations. In Georgia, the Department of Community Health and Department of Human Services will jointly reevaluate roughly 2.7 million individuals for Medicaid eligibility. Georgia must complete all Medicaid redeterminations, pending eligibility actions, disenrollments, and appeals by May 31, 2024.

Cost: \$ Variable	Budgeted for: X	Yes	No
Financial Impact:			
N/A			

**Action Requested from Council: Approve the ordinance**