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To: All Nursing Facility Providers
All Assisted Living Providers
All Residential Care Providers

From: ODHS Office of Aging and People with Disabilities
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Subject: Public Health Emergency Protections (PHE) Being Lifted -
Financial Reviews Underway for Medicaid/Medical
Benefits

At the start of the COVID-19 epidemic, the federal government implemented a Public Health Emergency (PHE), which prevented states from terminating Medicaid medical coverage. This ensured that individuals receiving Medicaid medical benefits would not lose their coverage even if their circumstances changed, which would normally result in a benefit closure. Individuals must be eligible for Medicaid medical benefits for Oregon to pay service payments to the care setting.

In late 2022, the federal government passed legislation that would phase out the PHE protections. Effective April 2023, APD is reviewing Medicaid Medical eligibility over the next 10 months. If the individual is found to be ineligible for Medicaid Medical benefits when the case is renewed (which is usually due to their income or assets are now higher than what is allowed), their coverage can end. In turn, this will also impact the service payments.

APD recognizes it is extremely important to work with potentially impacted individuals to either mitigate or prepare for this change. During this process, Case Managers will reach out to individuals who may lose their medical benefits to discuss their options.

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APD appreciates any help that providers can provide during this process. Case managers may contact providers if they are unable to reach the individual/representative or if there is a need to identify others who can support the individual during the review process.

If you have questions, please contact your licensing team:

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