



# Medicaid Unwinding Update

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# Background

- October 2023, DFS provided an update describing our approach to completing Medicaid eligibility redeterminations including over 50,000 suspended cases.
- This post-pandemic, federally-imposed backlog increased the public assistance workload by approximately 30% for 14 months.
- The Medicaid Unwinding work was in addition to applications and redeterminations for Medicaid, SNAP, and TANF that were due during the same time.

# Recent CMS Action

- CMS issued guidance to states on May 9, 2024, continuing state flexibilities developed to complete the Unwinding process through June 2025
- States are taking longer than originally authorized by CMS to complete the unwinding process

Information Source: <https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/cib050924-e14.pdf>

# By the Numbers...

- **Nationally**, the Unwinding work is only about 73%<sup>1</sup> complete
- In **Virginia**, as of May 16, it is 92.5%<sup>2</sup> complete
- As of May 28, 2024, **Fairfax** has completed **97%**<sup>3</sup> of the Medicaid Unwinding renewals
  - All remaining cases have been acted upon and we are waiting for information from residents to complete their redetermination
- **Our Medicaid Case Load**<sup>4</sup>
  - In February 2020, there were **119,416** Fairfax residents enrolled in Medicaid
  - As of April 30, 2024, there are **173,526** Fairfax residents enrolled in Medicaid
  - More than a 45% increase in residents enrolled in Medicaid

1: Data Source: <https://www.kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/medicaid-enrollment-and-unwinding-tracker/> (as of May 23, 2024)

2,3 Data Source: VDSS Data Warehouse, Overdue Medicaid Renewals, May 28, 2024

4: DMAS Locality Active Enrollment Report

# Summary

- Remaining Unwinding renewals will be complete by June 30
- The Public Assistance & Employment Services Division demonstrated resilience and outstanding teamwork
- Maximizing VDSS technology improvements as well as direct support by VDSS processing renewals were important supports
- Evaluate the caseload and workload across all public assistance program patterns to determine how to address the increase in the caseload against current staffing patterns

# QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

