

Medicaid/CHIP Outreach and Re-enrollment

- **Issue:** With about half the states already actively reviewing Medicaid/CHIP enrollee eligibility, over 1,500,000 eligibles have lost coverage. In many states the majority of these enrollees lost coverage because of *procedural reasons* – with a portion of these likely being *preventable disenrollments*. Active outreach and re-enrollment efforts could stem some of these losses of coverage.
- **Discussion Questions:**
 - Are you aware of any *special outreach and re-enrollment efforts* to Medicaid/CHIP eligibles in your state designed to improve response to the eligibility renewal process?
 - If not, what do you think might be useful?
 - Which of these special outreach and re-enrollment efforts would be particularly *suited to Medicaid/CHIP enrollees in rural areas*?
 - Is there a potential role for SORHs and their partners in outreach and re-enrollment efforts?

Transition to Other Health Coverage

- **Issue**: Medicaid/CHIP enrollees who lose eligibility may be eligible for other health coverage. Several significant Federal premium subsidies for ACA health insurance exchange offerings, originally implemented under the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, have been extended. Coverage counseling of Medicaid enrollees losing their eligibility can facilitate the transition from Medicaid.
- **Discussion Questions**:
 - Are you aware of any *special coverage counseling efforts* for individuals losing Medicaid/CHIP coverage in your state designed to transition them successfully to other health coverage?
 - If not, what do you think might be useful?
 - Are any of these special efforts particularly *suited to rural residents*?
 - Is there a potential role for SORHs and their partners?

Impact on Rural Health System

- **Issue**: Rural health care providers will likely *lose significant Medicaid/CHIP revenues* because of the unwinding. At the same time, most will also face an *increase in uncompensated care*, driven by patients, formerly covered by Medicaid, who are unable to secure other coverage.
- **Discussion Questions**:
 - Are you aware of any efforts by rural health care providers to *plan for the likely loss of Medicaid/CHIP revenues and increase in uncompensated care*?
 - If not, what do you think might be useful?
 - Is there a potential role for SORHs and their partners in facilitating planning for these revenue changes?