**Mitigation Plan 2.0**

**Issue:** Minnesota conducts auto-renewals (i.e., ex-parte renewals) on a household basis rather than an individual basis. In accordance with CMS guidance, states that do so must pause procedural terminations until a mitigation strategy can be implemented.

**Impacted Individuals:** Those impacted are individuals in multi-member households subject to renewal where individual household members on Medicaid have different eligibility requirements. For example, kids have higher income limits than adults.

**Guiding Principle:** Minnesota’s guiding principle is to efficiently maintain coverage for eligible enrollees and transition those ineligible to other health care coverage options, while protecting the integrity of the program and conserving resources for other public priorities.

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**Minnesota’s Approach**

- Reinstall coverage for impacted individuals
- Pause procedural terminations
- Develop and implement a mitigation strategy
- Change systems and processes to conduct renewals on an individual level

*The approach will vary based on the status of renewal processing for each cohort.*
Overview of Minnesota’s Mitigation Plan 2.0

**REINSTATE**
*Restore Coverage*
- **DHS** will *identify individuals* who should have been auto renewed on an individual basis but were closed for not completing a renewal. Processing agencies will *manually reinstate coverage* and renew eligibility.
- Applies to the *July, August, and September* cohorts

**RENEW**
*Pause Procedural Terminations*
- **DHS** will *pause procedural terminations* and *identify individuals* who should have been auto renewed on an individual basis. Processing agencies will *manually renew* these individuals.
- Applies to the *October, November, and December* cohorts

**EXTEND**
*Implement Mitigation Strategy*
- **DHS** will *identify households* with one or more enrollees who likely should have been individually auto renewed and suppress generation of renewal forms. Processing agencies will *manually renew* eligibility for 12 months until the next renewal period.
- Applies to the *January and future* cohorts until the system changes are made

**FIX**
*Change Systems and Processes*
- **DHS** will *change systems and processes* to conduct renewals on an individual level.
Key Considerations

• For Minnesota’s Mitigation Plan 2.0, DHS will broadly identify impacted individuals who likely should have auto renewed based on available data.

• DHS has paused procedural terminations for the October cohort for three (3) months and will pause procedural terminations for the November and December cohorts for three (3) months. This protects enrollees and allows processing agencies time to manually restore eligibility and renew coverage for affected individuals. This work will occur at the same time agencies are also processing renewals received.

• Minnesota will pursue system updates to fully support individual renewals. Mitigations will be in effect until these system updates are completed.
Mitigation Plan 2.0 Timeline

**Process Timeline**

- **Planning & Analysis**
- **Implementation**
- **Renew & Reinstate**
- **Extend**

**IT Project Timeline**

- **METS Mitigation 2.0**
- **MAXIS Mitigation 2.0**
- **METS Auto-Renew Strategy: Future-State Solution**
  - **MAXIS Individual Ex Parte Process**
  - **METS Individual Renewal Process**

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DHS will continue to transition people off Medicaid who are determined ineligible
Thank you!
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