# Left with No Options: A Coverage Crisis



The end of automatic Medicaid renewals has left millions without access to affordable health coverage.

### **HOW WE GOT HERE**



During the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress put in place automatic renewal protections to ensure that Medicaid enrollees were able to keep their health insurance through Medicaid, even if their income or circumstances changed. Many individuals and families had peace of mind

knowing that they would have a stable source of

affordable, quality health insurance throughout a difficult and uncertain time in our country. However, Congress has now **ended** these protections—leaving millions without access to affordable health care coverage and many more at risk of losing theirs.



## **WHAT THIS MEANS**

- More than six million Americans have already lost their health coverage, with many more at risk.
- The situation is even worse for people living in the 10 states that still haven't expanded Medicaid, where the burden of living without health insurance is falling mostly on Black and Latino communities.
- Access to affordable coverage like Medicaid significantly improves chances of diagnosing, treating, and surviving cancer. But millions including those who can't get health insurance through their jobs—are being left with no affordable health coverage options and can't access critical care.



#### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Have you recently lost your Medicaid coverage?
  - → Visit <u>www.fightcancer.org/unwinding</u> to find information and resources for your state.
  - → Share your story. We know that losing your health coverage can be scary and confusing. We want lawmakers to understand the devastating impact this is having on millions of Americans and their families—because everyone deserves to have access to affordable health coverage. Your story can make a difference.
- Watch our new video <u>Left With No Options</u>: <u>A Coverage Crisis</u> to learn more about how we got here, what's at stake, and how you can get involved.
  - → Share the video on social media by using the sample posts below:

#### **Social post 1:**

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Watch ACS CAN's new video about how we got here, what's at stake, and how to get involved. www.youtube.com/watch?v=WI06eJ6p4FI

#### **Social post 2:**

No one should be forced to skip or delay health care because they can't afford it. But now, millions have already lost or are at risk of losing their health insurance and being forced to make tough decisions. Watch ACS CAN's new video about how we got here, what's at stake, and how to get involved.

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