

# NAVIGATOR NEWS



## Public Health Emergency (PHE) expected to be extended past 1/11/2023

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Dear health navigators and colleagues,

The COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) is expected to be extended again.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in the past has extended the PHE for 90 days at a time. It last did so in mid-October, making January 11, 2023, the latest expiration date.

HHS has previously said it will give states 60 days' notice before ending the PHE. Since states did not receive any notification by November 11, that means it's expected that the PHE will be extended beyond January 11, 2023.

The PHE has been in place since January 27, 2020, and renewed throughout the pandemic.

### What this means for those on Apple Health

Current Apple Health (Medicaid) clients will not lose their coverage during the PHE unless they don't meet residency, citizenship or immigration requirements. They should continue to report changes in income, household members, and contact information.

We continue to ask our CHPW Apple Health members to verify or update their contact information through Washington Healthplanfinder. That way, we know how to get in touch when PHE ends and it's time for them to renew their coverage.

You can help by continuing to spread the word to your clients! If you have any questions, please call us at **1-800-440-1561** (TTY: 711), 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Thanks again for all you do for the health of our communities.

In health,



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