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Ending Continuous Medicaid Coverage

November 2023

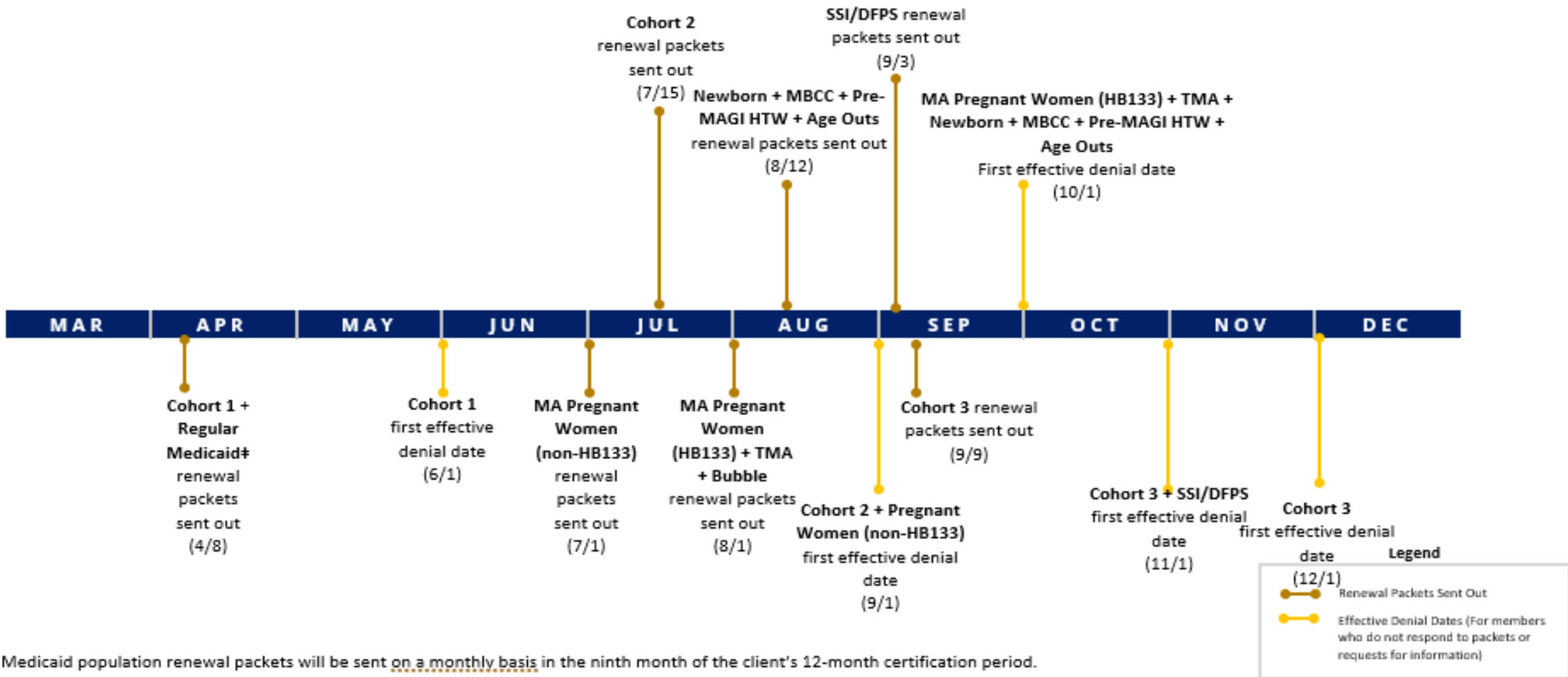
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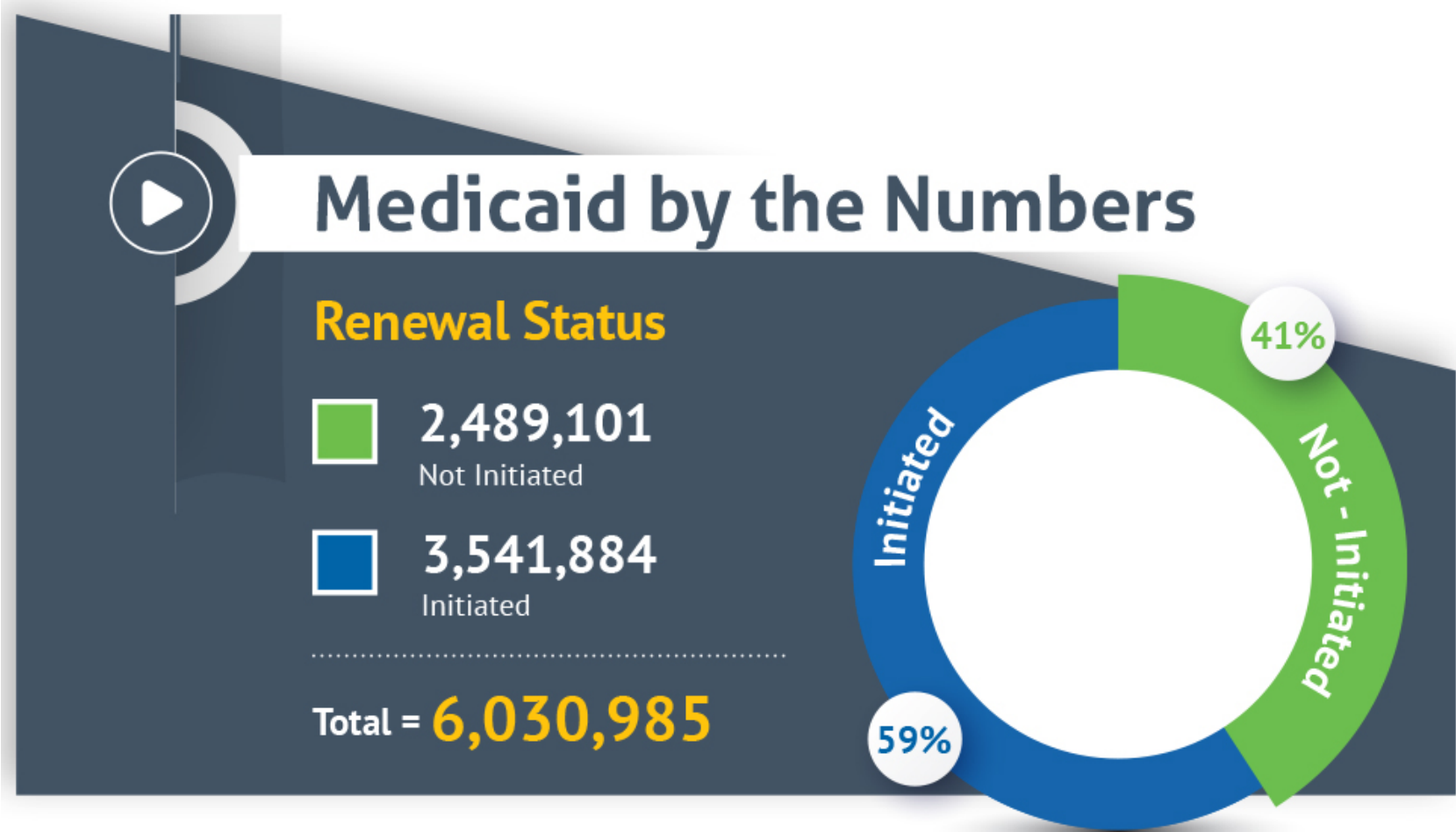
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- **March 2020:** Congress passed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, allowing states to receive enhanced federal match provided they maintained continuous coverage for most people enrolled in Medicaid until the end of the federal public health emergency
- **December 2022:** Congress passed the 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act, which separated the continuous Medicaid coverage requirement from the federal public health emergency
- **March 31, 2023:** Continuous coverage requirement ends
- ★ **April 1, 2023:** States may begin disenrolling members who are no longer eligible
- **April 1 – December 31, 2023:** Enhanced FMAP will be phased out

Unwinding Timeline



As of August 31, 2023



90-Day Reconsideration Period

If a client misses their submission deadline, they have up to 90 days to turn it in and HHSC can reopen the first of the month they turn it in.

- For example, if the deadline was May 31st and the client sends their renewal to us by the middle of July, their coverage can be retroactive to July 1st.

In order to reopen, HHSC must receive their renewal packet during the 90 days.

- Clients can submit what was mailed to them via fax, mail or through a local office.
- Clients can also call 2-1-1, Option 2, for help.

If client turns in their renewal but fails to turn in additional requested information, they can turn that information in during the 90 days.

- If the client did not submit their requested information, they can still do so during the 90 days by submitting their information to HHSC.



Resources



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Actions You Can Take Now

- <https://txhhs.sharepoint.com/sites/aes/SitePages/End-of-Continuous-Medicaid.aspx>
- Download Ambassador Toolkit from <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/services/health/coronavirus-covid-19/end-continuous-medicaid-coverage-ambassador-toolkit>
- Share toolkit items with Medicaid members in offices or electronically.
- Share toolkit items with other stakeholders to ensure consistent messaging.



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Thank you!
