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**TO**

Adult Mental Health Day Treatment Providers, Advanced Practice Nurse Prescribers With Psychiatric Specialty, Ambulance Providers, Ambulatory Surgery Centers, Anesthesiologist Assistants, Audiologists, Behavioral Treatment Providers, Case Management Providers, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, Child/Adolescent Day Treatment Providers, Child Care Coordination Providers, Chiropractors, Community Health Centers, Community Recovery Services Providers, Community Support Programs, Comprehensive Community Service Providers, Crisis Intervention Providers, Dental Hygienists, Dentists, End-Stage Renal Disease Service Providers, Family Planning Clinics, HealthCheck Providers, HealthCheck “Other Services” Providers, Home Health Agencies, Hospice Providers, Hospital Providers, Intensive In-Home Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Services for Children Providers, Licensed Midwives, Master’s-Level Psychotherapists, Narcotic Treatment Services Providers, Nurse Midwives, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses in Independent Practice, Nursing Homes, Occupational Therapists, Oral Surgeons, Opticians, Optometrists, Outpatient Mental Health Clinics, Outpatient Substance Abuse Clinics, Personal Care Agencies, Pharmacies, Physical Therapists, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Podiatrists, Portable X-ray Providers, Prenatal Care Coordination Providers, Psychologists, Qualified Treatment Trainees, Rehabilitation Agencies, Rural Health Clinics, School-Based Services Providers, Specialized Medical Vehicle Providers, Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Agencies, Speech and Hearing Clinics, Speech-Language Pathologists, Substance Abuse Counselors, Substance Abuse Day Treatment Providers, Therapy Groups, Tribal Federally Qualified Health Centers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

**REGARDING**

COVID-19 Unwinding: CPR and Respiratory Care Services Training Requirements

## COVID-19 Unwinding: CPR and Respiratory Care Services Training Requirements

During the federal COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), the federal government allowed the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) to implement temporary changes to some policies to facilitate the protection of member health. ForwardHealth Alert [029](#), “New CPR and Respiratory Care Services Training Requirements During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency,” outlined temporary COVID-19-related CPR and respiratory care services training requirements for providers.

The federal government has announced that the COVID-19 PHE will end on May 11, 2023. **As of May 12, 2023, CPR certification should be renewed in accordance with the appropriate certification renewal requirements.**

### CPR Training Requirements

CPR training requirements vary depending on provider type. For more information on the applicable requirements, providers should refer to their service area in the ForwardHealth Online Handbook.

Providers may submit their renewal documentation through the demographic maintenance tool on the secure ForwardHealth Portal.

## Respiratory Care Services Training Requirements

ForwardHealth is no longer waiving the requirement to renew respiratory care services training. This was a temporary flexibility, which ended on April 1, 2021. Providers may submit their renewal documentation through the demographic maintenance tool on the secure ForwardHealth Portal.

## Assisting Members During Unwinding

During routine operations, DHS asks members to provide updated information about themselves once a year and renew their participation in Medicaid if they still qualify. During the COVID-19 PHE, temporary policy was enacted so states would keep people enrolled unless they died, moved out of state, or asked to be removed from their program. The federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, passed in December 2022, ended that policy.

In April 2023, Wisconsin began a year-long process of updating information from each member and determining if they meet the rules for their current program or if they will need to transition to another kind of coverage. This is called a renewal. Members received a letter in March or April telling them when their renewal is due in the next 14 months. Then, 45 days before their due date, they will get a renewal packet with further instructions.

Note: Members should not renew until they receive their renewal packet. Under federal guidelines, DHS must keep members covered until their next renewal. Renewing early could result in members losing coverage earlier than their assigned renewal date.

The [COVID-19 Unwinding Resources for Providers](#) Portal page includes resources for providers to share with members during the renewal process.

Providers are encouraged to check this page often for up-to-date information regarding the member renewal process.

## COVID-19 Unwinding Resources

For more information regarding COVID-19 Unwinding, refer to the following resources:

- ForwardHealth Update [2023-14](#), "Important Information Regarding the End of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency"
- The [COVID-19: ForwardHealth News and Resources](#) page of the Portal (will include all Unwinding provider communications)
- The [COVID-19 Unwinding Resources for Providers](#) page of the Portal (provider resources for assisting members through Unwinding)