

Table 1: MLRI Update on People Losing Health Coverage, April 10, 2015

There are two different groups of people who recently lost health coverage or are about to lose coverage. This is confusing, but it's important to keep the two groups straight. They are in different situations and the ways to help them get coverage are different too.

	Type of Coverage	Date coverage ended	Notices	Deadline to enroll in Connector based on end of prior program*	Renewal Extension for MassHealth members seeking help
Programs that no longer exist –must reapply to qualify for new coverage	Commonwealth Care (about 90,000 people affected; as of 2/26/15: 11,415 reapplied & eligible for ConnectorCare but not enrolled)	Jan 31, 2015	Termination notice sent Nov 2014	April 2, 2015 Deadline to enroll for those already found eligible, or to apply & select a plan	Not applicable
	Temporary MassHealth (about 320,000 people affected; as of 2/26/15: 27,625 reapplied & eligible for ConnectorCare but not enrolled)	Varies: Jan. 31, Feb 15, or March 1, 2015	Termination notices sent Nov-Dec 2014 (color coded by date)	April 2 (purple), April 17 (blue), or May 1 2015 (green)** Deadline to enroll for those already found eligible, or to apply & select a plan	Not applicable
Permanent programs – must reapply to renew eligibility for right program	MassHealth Standard, CarePlus, Family Assistance (about 500,000 people required to renew now; another 500,000 including people with disabilities, or receiving premium assistance will be required to renew later in the year, July-Dec, 2015)	IF reapplication not submitted by March deadlines, cases close on March 31, April 11, or April 17, 2015	Notices with 3 March reapplication deadlines sent Jan-Feb 2015; Termination notices to those who missed deadline sent March-April 2015.	60 days from date MassHealth closed (Note: deadline only applies if current income too high for MassHealth; no deadline to enroll in MassHealth if still eligible)	Extension until reapplication is processed or June 30, 2015 for people who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek help to renew from a certified application counselor or navigator • Seek help to renew from MassHealth • Renew on their own & seek help from MassHealth to fill the gap NOTE: Coverage will be restored back to closing date
*Other “triggering events” also create opportunities to enroll during a “special enrollment period” like being newly eligible for ConnectorCare, otherwise those eligible for Connector coverage cannot enroll until 2016. People eligible for MassHealth can enroll at any time. **Date change 4/10/15.					