



# CHILDREN'S HEALTH COVERAGE COALITION

FORMERLY THE CHIP COALITION

## Children's Health Coverage Coalition & Outreach and Technical Assistance Working Group Meeting Agenda

Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. CST

**Meeting Location:** Zoom Meeting

**Meeting Chair:** Preston Poole from Texas Association of Community Health Centers

### CHCC Agenda

11:00 A.M. - 11:05 A.M.

Welcome & Introductions

11:05 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.

Legislative and Budget Update/Discussion

11:45 P.M. - 12:20 P.M.

High-Level Unwinding Field Update

- Anne Dunkelberg (Every Texan)



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*Meeting Scribe: Isabel Agbassi - Every Texan*

### CHCC AGENDA

#### I. Legislative and Budget Update/Discussion

- **Diana Forester:** (Regarding HB 12) It passed and is on its way to the Senate. SB 24 is being heard next week on Tuesday regarding women's health and codifying and renaming the Alternatives to Abortion program. It's more of an administrative bill and doesn't include new services or populations.
  - **Anne Dunkelberg:** Does it make reference to the length of postpartum coverage?
    - **DF:** It doesn't address medical care.
- **Alec Mendoza:** (Regarding HB 1599) We are looking for co-authors for the bill and are awaiting its referral since 3 weeks have passed. The fiscal note talks about the cost of coverage for getting more kids enrolled in Medicaid which may be the reason for the delay.
- **Anne Dunkelberg:** I am hoping to see a courtesy hearing for HB regarding outreach issues for kids as stated in our CHCC legislative agenda to lead to more targeted outreach to mixed immigration status families that account for ¼ of children in Texas. We need Medicaid eligibility and outreach systems that are up to date to reassure them of the safety of enrolling green card holding children in Medicaid and CHIP.
- The House has responded to HHSC's request for funding regarding unwinding. There's a separate exceptional item around reopening eligibility offices that the House has funding for but the Senate doesn't. We are concerned about attendant pay. Senate has an agreement to raise the base wage to \$11/hour from \$8/hour.
- **Helen Kent Davis:** The Senate has a 3% payment increase for obstetrical care services focused on wellness visits and labor and delivery. They recognize the need for increases for some OBE and maternal health related codes. Funding for the Maternal Health Quality Improvement System of \$5 million was requested by the Maternal Mortality & Morbidity Review Committee.
  - **Diana Forester:** Was there an add-on payment for rural deliveries?



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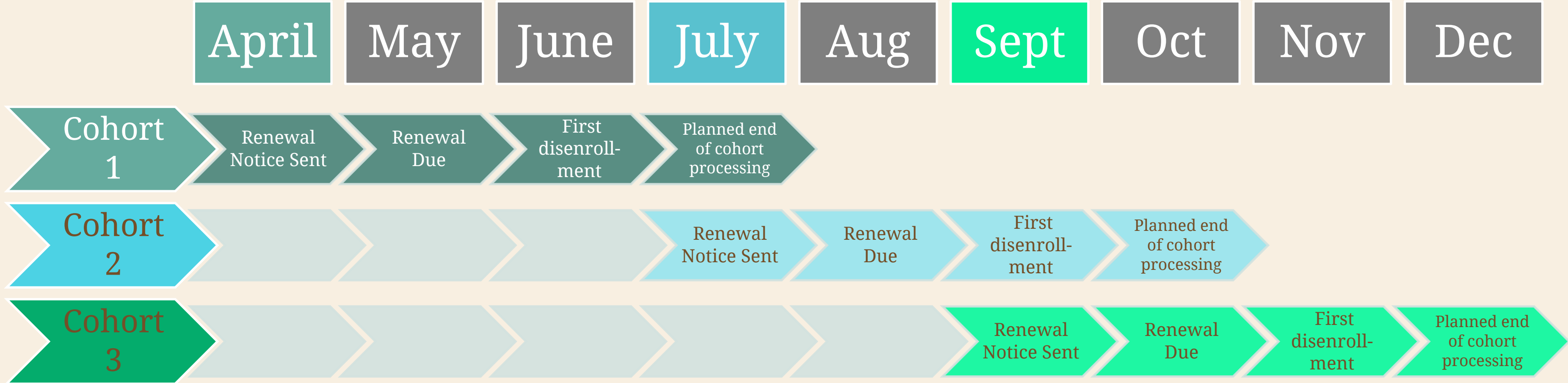
- **Anna Stelter:** Yes, there's a rural hospital delivery add-on payment of \$750 which is an increase from \$500 currently. The House side is more generous with a \$1,500 increase.
  - **HKD:** Yes, that's the add-on payment to support continuation of maternal health services in those hospitals.
- **Diana Forester:** There are 2 other maternal health ones related to mobile units and maternal health deserts.
  - **HKD:** House also does 250% of poverty for Breast and Cervical Center treatment programs.
- **Alec Mendoza:** We are working to get additional funding of \$6.2 million for early children intervention (ECI) funding.
- **Adrienne Lloyd:** (Regarding HB 5166) A bill directing HHSC to have robust language access is getting a hearing on Tuesday, so folks can see forms in languages other than English and Spanish. This will help with the diversity of languages in Texas.

## II. High-Level Unwinding Field Update [SEE ATTACHED SLIDES]

### *Questions/Comments:*

- **Diana Forester:** The biggest change I've noticed is pregnant women being moved to the July bucket when they were originally going to be processed first in April. They may be the reason for the spike in numbers in July.

# Updated Timeline: Unwinding Cohorts 1-3



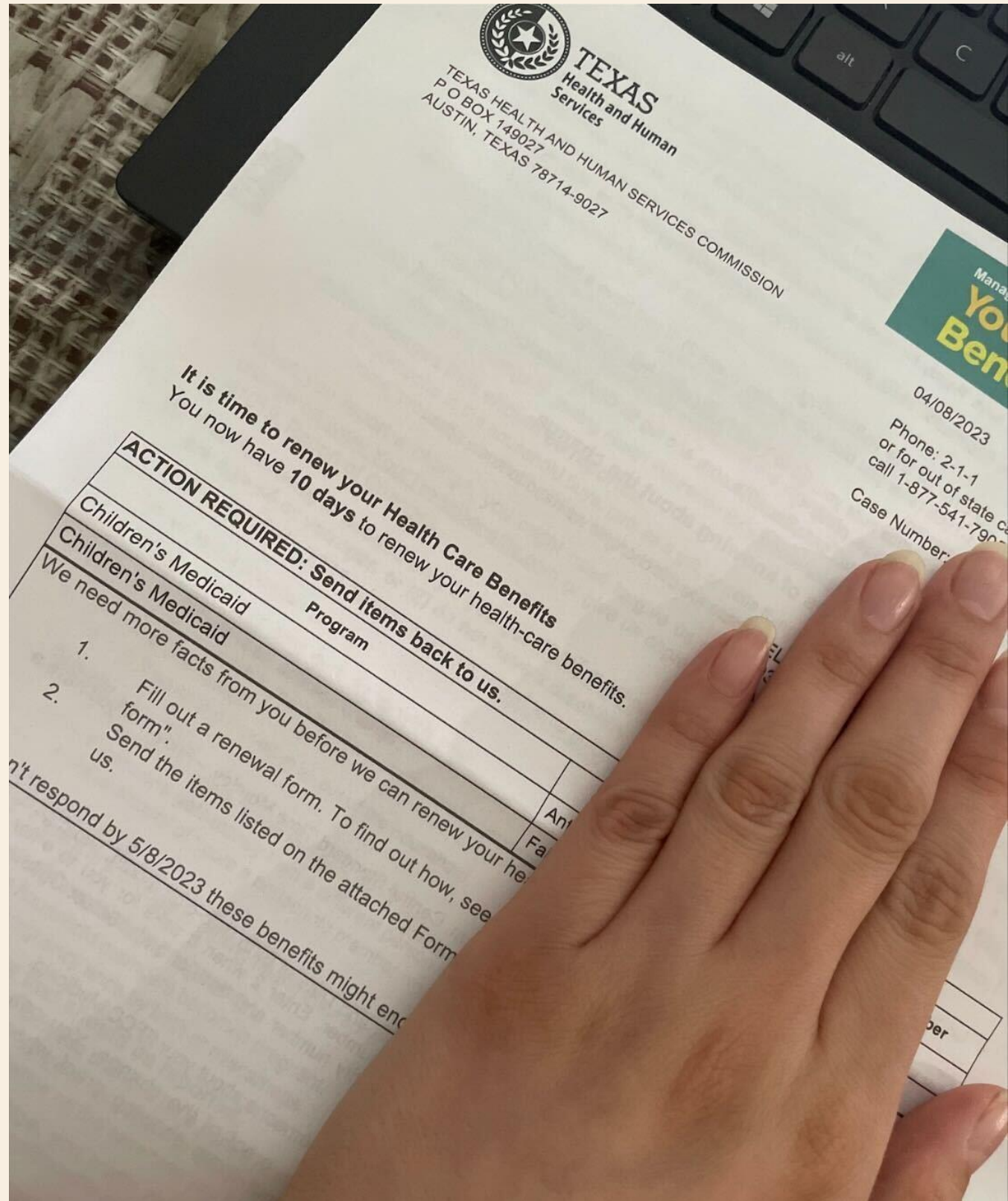
Renewals for unwinding cohorts 1-3 will be initiated in April, July, and September 2023

# New Unwind Data From HHSC

	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct - March
Renewals initiated in month	880K	170K	260K	1.3 million	1.3 million	1 million	170K – 280K
	Cohort 1			Cohort 2	Special populations	Cohort 3	

Data HHSC sent to CMS now posted at bottom of [HHSC Ambassador toolkit](#) webpage

# Renewal notices and requests for information



- HHSC posted sample renewal notices and month-to-month coverage extension notice in the Ambassador tool kit
- HHSC indicates clients have 30 days to respond
- Note: request for information in image is dated April 8 and has a due date of May 8 but also says “You now have 10 days to renew your health-care benefits.”
- During unwinding, HHSC will mail pre-populated renewal forms. In April – June, it will be mailed separately from the renewal notice/cover letter. Starting in July, they will be in the same envelope.

# Texas Medicaid Unwinding Started April 8

What have you heard from folks the field?  
How is it going?

# Community Partner Level 3 Access

- Now open to all eligible Community Partner groups. Must have an employee(s) (not volunteers) who can serve as a Case Assistance Navigator.
- Level 3 CPs have enhanced functionality that both better helps clients and reduce the need for the CP to call 2-1-1:
  - Upgrade client YTB accounts from limited to full case access (needed for client to renew benefits/manage case online and on the mobile app)
  - Reset account passwords and look up usernames
  - Access clients' case status



# Outreach Resources

- Stay Covered Texas! [staycoveredtx.org](http://staycoveredtx.org)
- Seguro Texas [toolkit](#)
- [HHSC Ambassador toolkit](#)
- TACHC pushcards and posters
  - English, Spanish and Vietnamese