## March's Care Management Webinar

Wednesday, March 19th, 2025



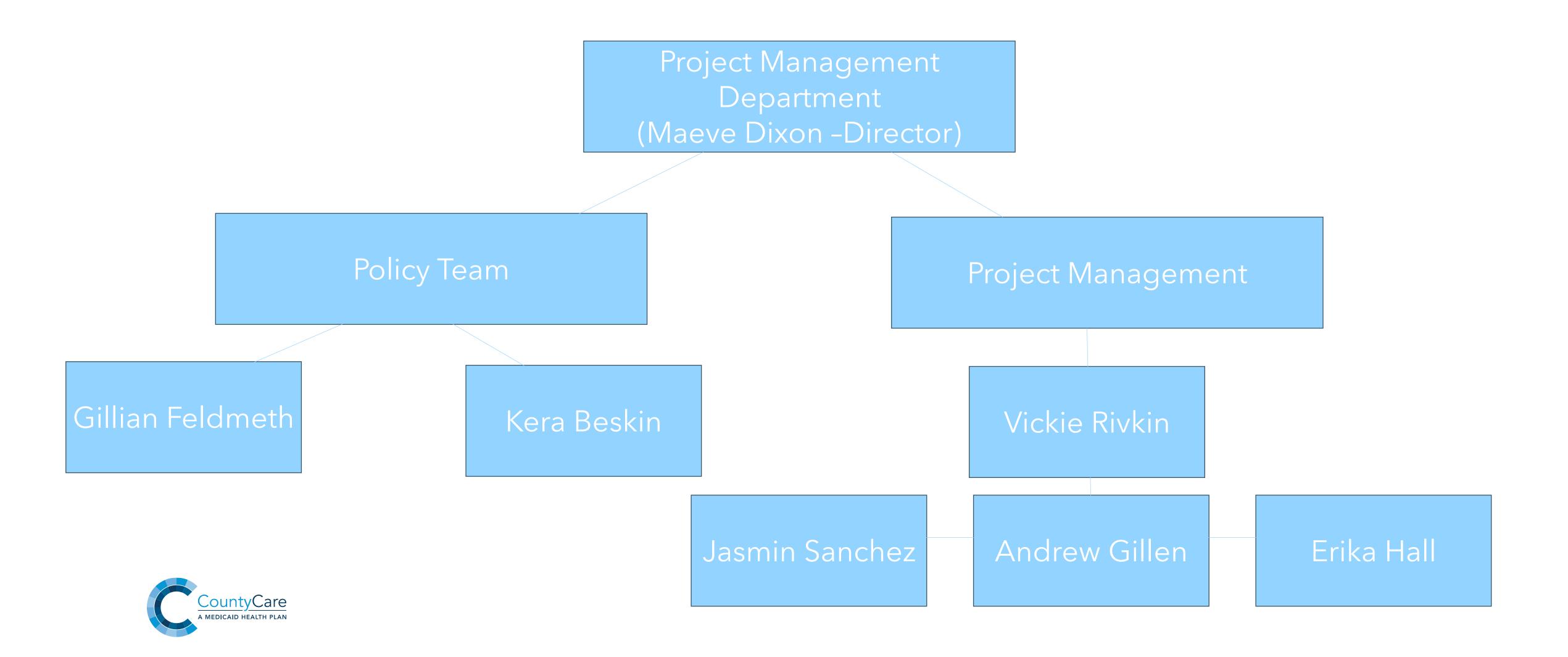
# 2025 Policy Updates

#### March 19<sup>th</sup> 2025

Kera Beskin, Senior Manager of Policy & Innovation



# Policy Team at CountyCare



# Talking Points

- There has been a lot of discussion about changes to the Medicaid program and the Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults program.
- CountyCare staff is working on finalizing talking points for
  - Care Managers
  - Call Center
  - Provider Relations
- Today I'll review the questions with you. We welcome feedback if there are other questions you are hearing from members.



# Federal Policy

- The 119th Congress is currently in session and budget reconciliation is underway.
  - oA continuing resolution passed March 15 which avoided a government shut down. Funding runs until end of September.
  - oThe FY2026 Budget Resolution (which is what includes potential changes to Medicaid) is still in development. It is expected to pass sometime this summer.
- We are closely monitoring potential Federal changes to the Medicaid program (e.g. per capita cuts, reduced FMAP rates, provider tax rates, work requirements).



Medicaid Member Stories Initiative - CountyCare is working closely with the Cook County Health Communications and Policy teams to gather member stories\* to highlight the importance of the Medicaid program to be leveraged for media, press, advocacy and other opportunities.



\*with appropriate concents

# How can you help?

- Call your representatives to let them know how important Medicaid is
- 1. Find and contact your Illinois state senator, house representative or Chicago alderman | Illinois Policy
- 2. Find My Elected Officials
- Contribute to the Medicaid Member Stories Project
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# Questions in the Federal Medicaid Changes FAQs Talking Points

- •I am a CountyCare member, and I don't want Medicaid to be cut. What can I do to help?
- •I am a CountyCare member and I heard that Medicaid will be cut. Will I lose my benefits?
- ·I heard Medicaid funding is getting cut. What is happening?

•Any other FAQ you would like added to the document?



## CountyCare Access - Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults

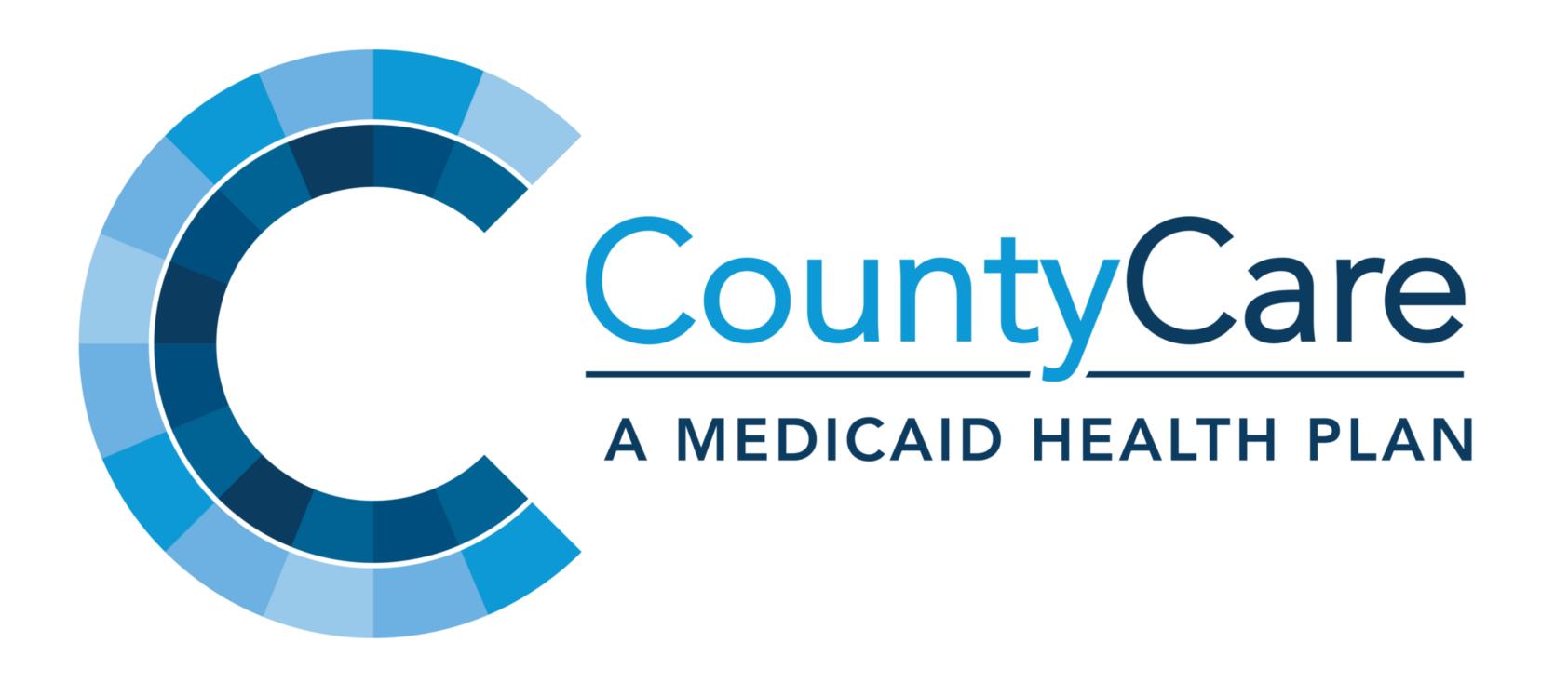
- On February 19th, 2025, Governor Pritzker gave his 7th budget address, which included the proposed elimination of the Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults (HBIA) program. The Health Benefits for Immigrant Seniors (HBIS) program is not being eliminated.
- The Illinois Department of Human Services posted an informational memo on their website that references the sunsetting of the HBIA program in the Governor's proposed FY26 budget, effective July 1, 2025.
  - The memo shares that HBIA enrollees will receive at least 90 days notice before their coverage will end and that more information will be forthcoming. In the next few weeks, the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services is expected to file administrative rules that outline the process to sunset HBIA.
- o HFS released a letter on the sunsetting of this program on 3/10/2025 <u>IDHS:</u> <u>Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults (HBIA) Sunset</u>



## HBIA Changes Talking Points

 CountyCare has created talking points for our member-facing teams, who are receiving questions from members and providers on the future of HBIA. We are encouraging current HBIA members to continue to use their benefits, including primary care, preventive and specialty care, pharmacy, and rewards benefits.





## Medical Redetermination

March 2025

## Redetermination Overview

o Redetermination (REDE) or Medicaid Renewal.

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- Medicaid redetermination is the process members must complete annually\* to determine their eligibility for Medicaid.
- o If members do not complete the renewal process and provide the required eligibility documents, their Medicaid benefits may be terminated.
- \* Every six months if they also receive SNAP benefits.



## Form A & Form B Renewals

#### ○ Form A – No response required:

- Many members can be redetermined without submitting any forms or documents. This is called Ex-Parte or Form A.
- Form A notifies the member that their coverage has been renewed using electronic verification. No action is required, and members will keep their Medicaid coverage.

#### ∘Form B − Response is required:

oMembers who receive Form B, must complete their REDE by the due date by returning the forms mailed to them, completing the renewal application on ABE, or over the phone by calling the DHS call center.



# HFS Renewal Mailings

 Form A & B are mailed to members from DHS HFS 915IES (N-4-15)



State of Illinois
Department of Human Services
Department of Healthcare and Family Services
PO Box 19138
Springfield IL 62763
IMPORTANT INFORMATION. OPEN IMMEDIATELY.

Medicaid Customer 1234 Somewhere Street Somewhere, Illinois 12345

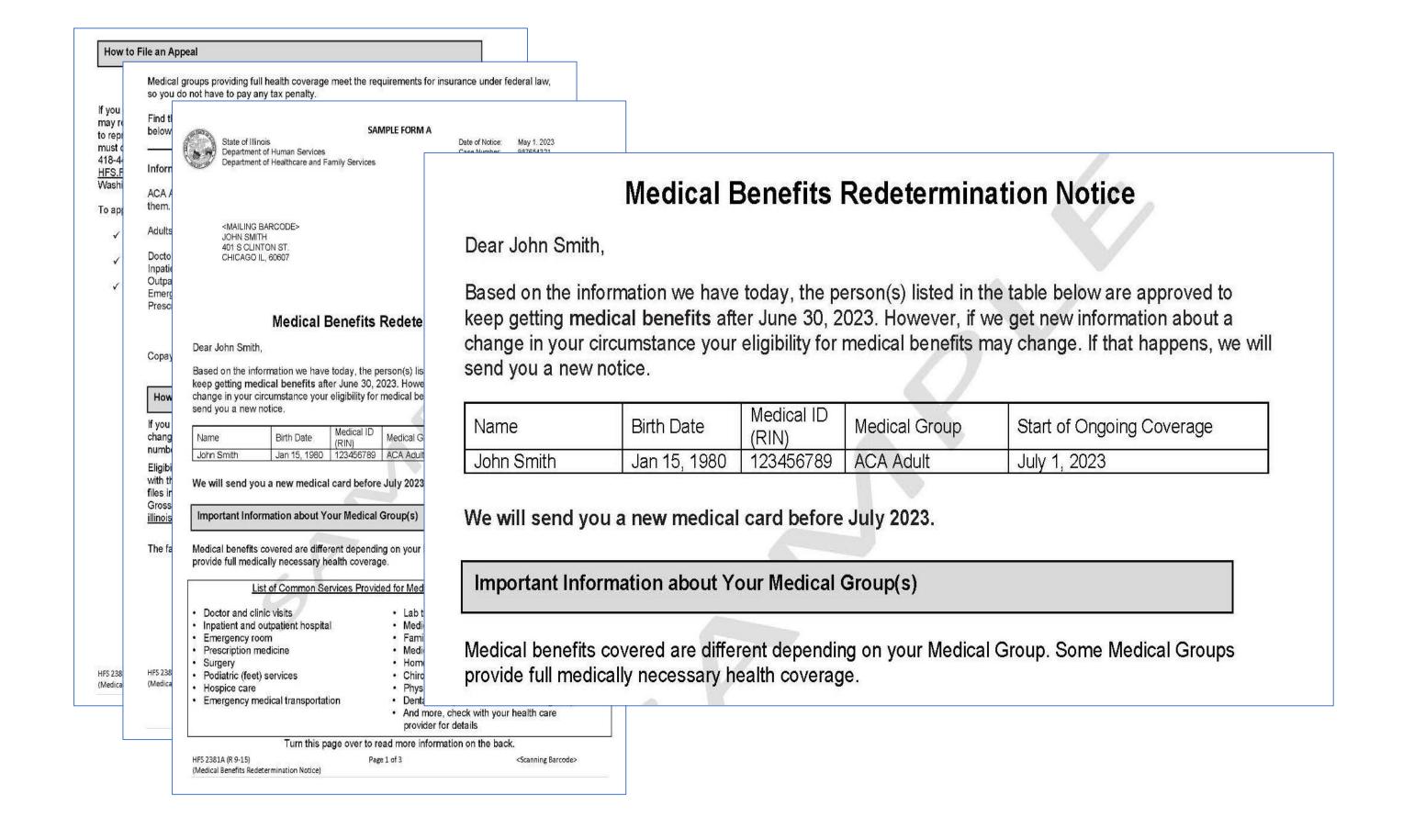
#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR COVERAGE

INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE SOBRE SU COBERTURA WAŻNA INFORMACJA O GWARANCJI ВАЖНАЯ ИНФОРМАЦИЯ О ВАШЕМ ОСВЕЩЕНИЯ 關於你的報導的重要信息



## Redetermination Overview

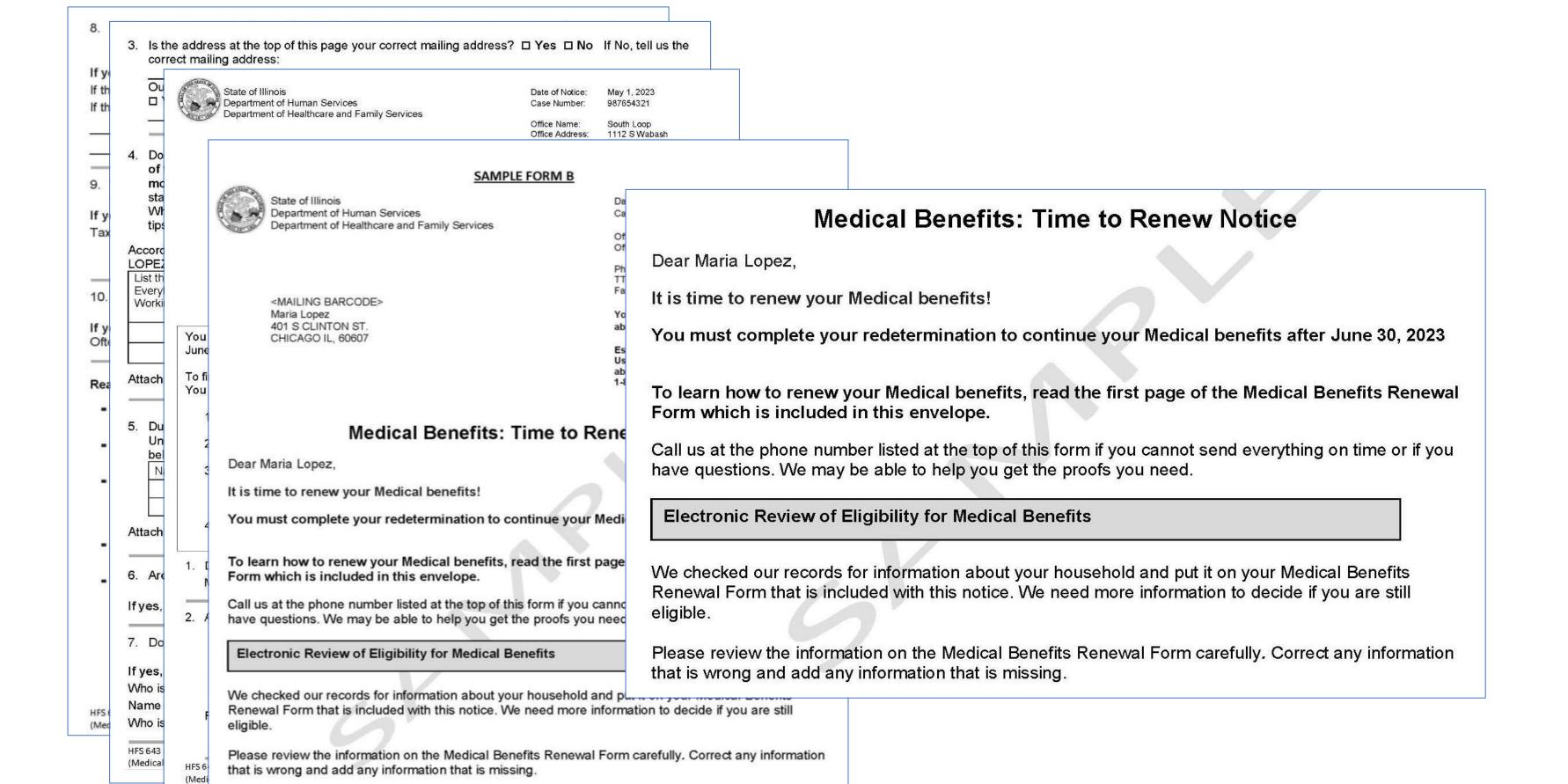
Form A LetterExample – 3 Pages





## Redetermination Overview

Form B Letter Example – 4 Pages





# Redetermination Mailing Timeline

- o Redetermination paperwork is sent out at least 30 days before the due date printed on the form.
- Enrollees are instructed to complete their redetermination by the due date, or they could lose their Medicaid coverage.
- o HFS has a grace period of 15 days for enrollees who submit late. If the information is not received by the end of the grace period, the enrollee's coverage will be canceled.
- Renewal forms will continue to be sent out monthly to different cohorts of Medicaid enrollees over the next 12
   months until the entire population has been redetermined.



# Redetermination Mailing Timeline Cont...

Month of Redetermination	Date HFS Mails REDE Forms	REDE Due Date Printed on Forms	15 Day Grace Period Ends	First Day/Month of Coverage Loss	End of 90 day Reinstatement Period
March	2/1/2025	3/1/2025 17	3/15/2025	4/1/2025	6/30/2025
April	3/1/2025	4/1/2025	4/15/2025	5/1/2025	7/31/2025
May	4/1/2025	5/1/2025	5/15/2025	6/1/2025	8/31/2025
June	5/1/2025	6/1/2025	6/15/2025	7/1/2025	9/30/2025
July	6/1/2025	7/1/2025	7/15/2025	8/1/2025	10/31/2025
August	7/1/2025	8/1/2025	8/15/2025	9/1/2025	11/30/2025

# How to Complete Renewal/Redetermination Paperwork?

Ways to complete and submit redetermination forms:

By Phone
Call the DHS Call
Center
1-800-843-6154
Or
CountyCare
REDE Hotline
312-864-7333

Return the Renewal
Form by mail or
fax:
P.O. Box 19138
Springfield, IL 62763
Fax: 1-844-7363563

Return the form in

person to

Department of

Human Services

(DHS) office

dhs.state.il.us/page.as

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Attend a Rede
Event.
Scan the code
below



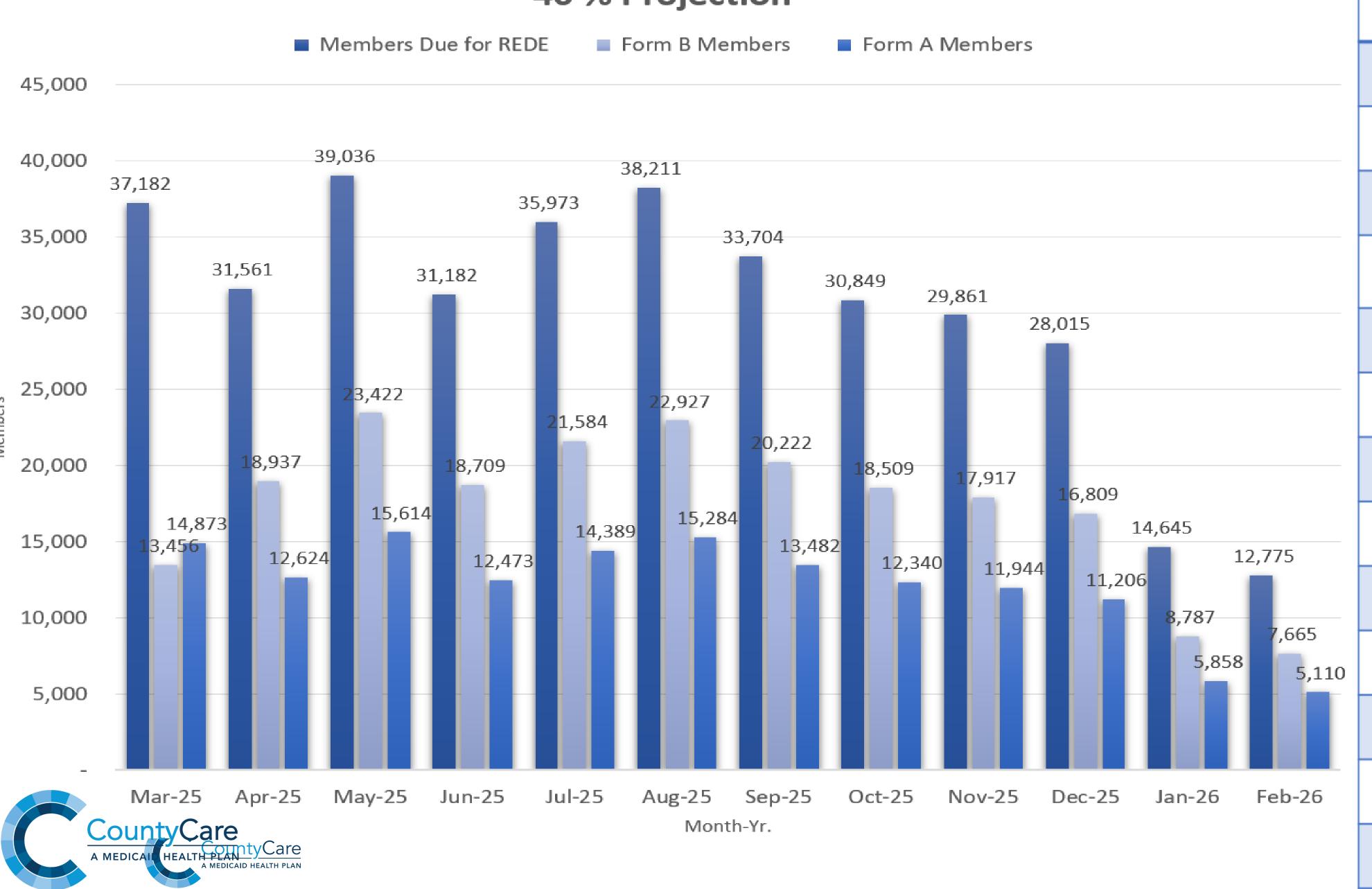
# CountyCare's Redetermination Strategy

Since the resumption of redetermination, CountyCare has executed a comprehensive strategy to ensure members keep their benefits.

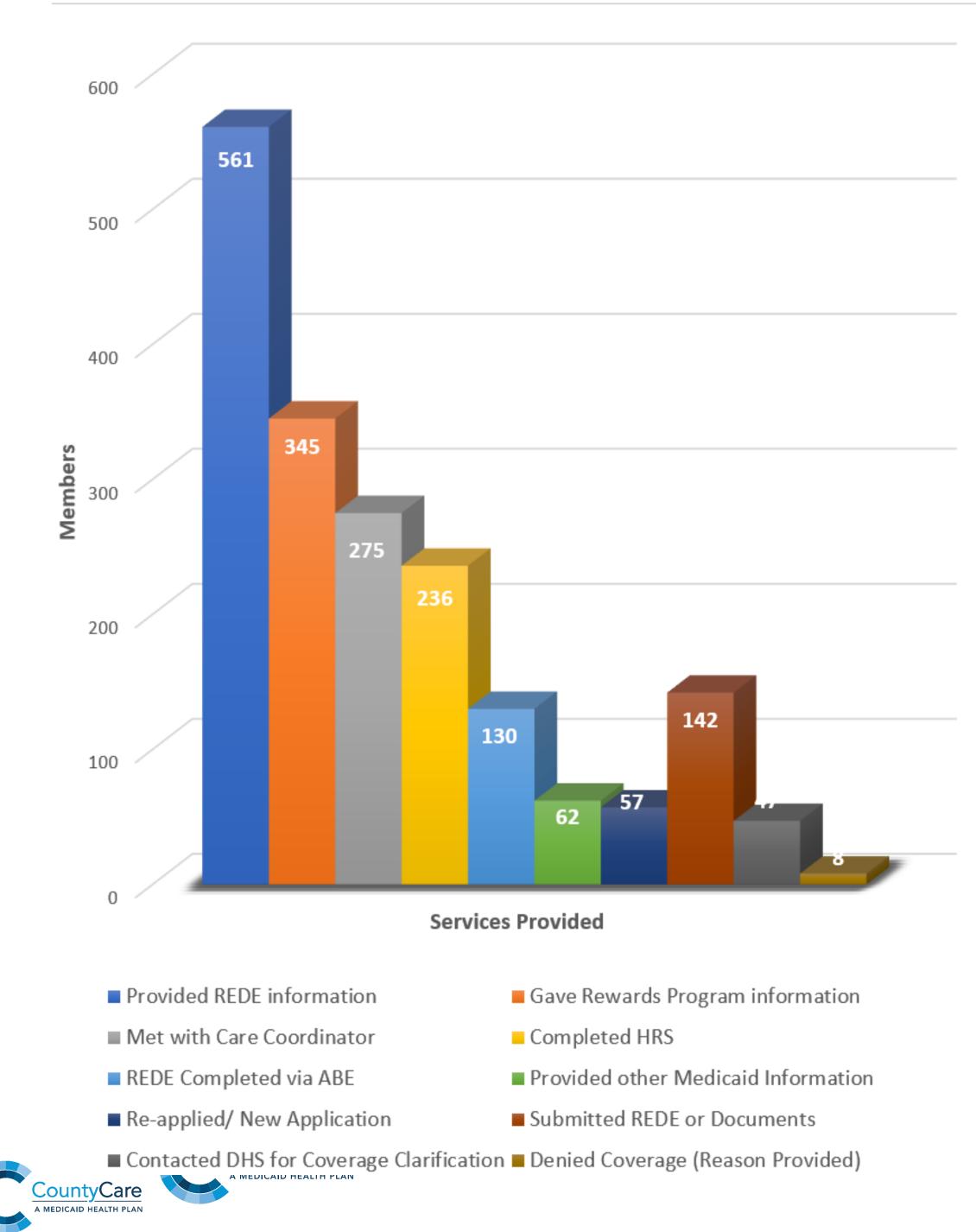




# CountyCare Members Due for Redetermination - February'25 40 % Projection



Month-Yr.	Monthly Member Count	Estimated Form B	Estimated Form A
Mar-25	37,182	13,456*	14,873
Apr-25	31,561	18,937	12,624
May-25	39,036	23,422	15,614
Jun-25	31,182	18,709	12,473
Jul-25	35,973	21,584	14,389
Aug-25	38,211	22,927	15,284
Sep-25	33,704	20,222	13,482
Oct-25	30,849	18,509	12,340
Nov-25	29,861	17,917	11,944
Dec-25	28,015	16,809	11,206
Jan-26	14,645	8,787	5,858
Feb-26	12,775	7,665	5,110
Total	362,994	<b>208,943</b> <sup>9</sup>	145,198

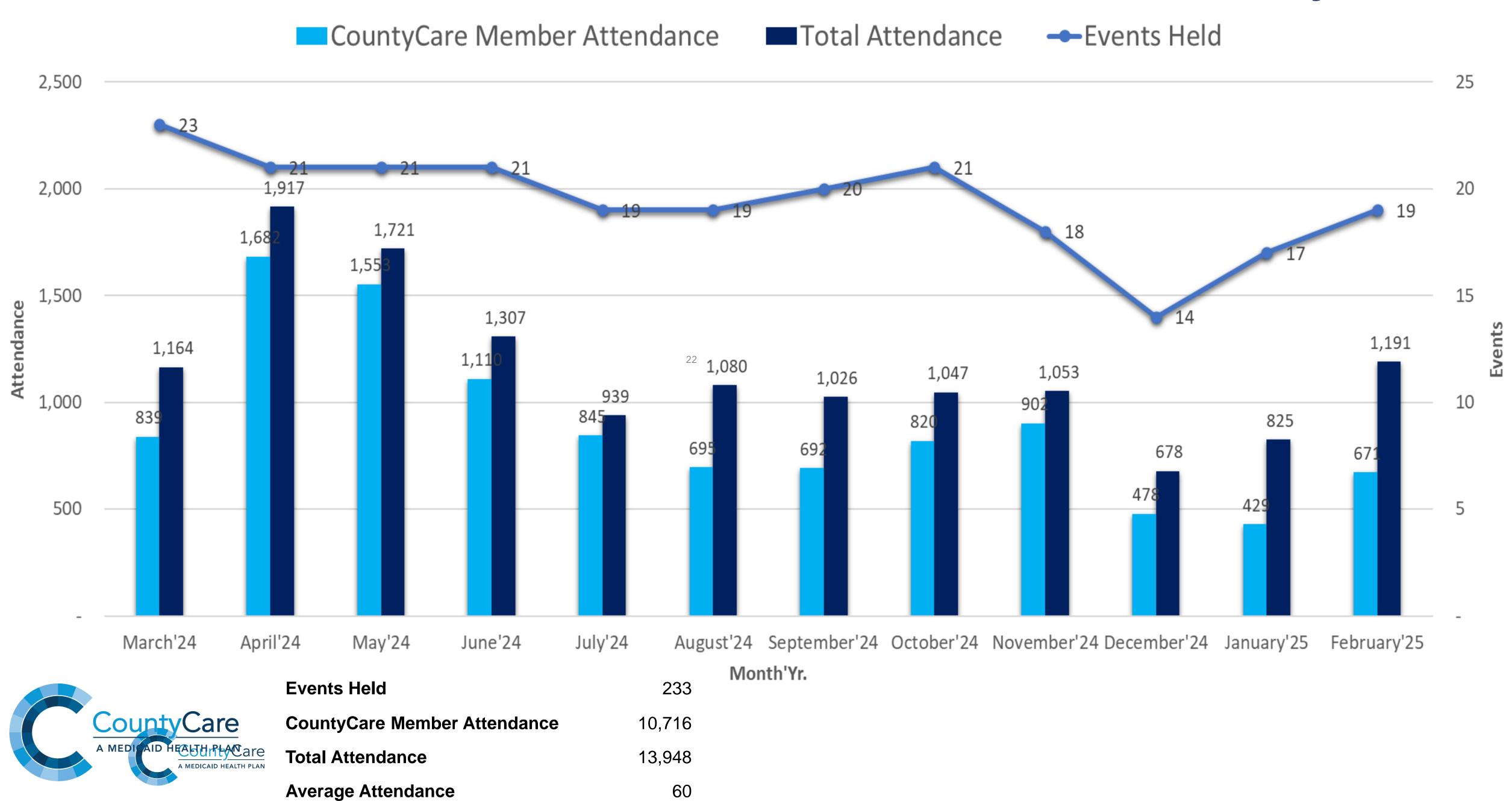


# REDE Outreach Event Outcome: February 2025

REDE Events Held – January 2025	19
CountyCare Member Attendance	671
Total Attendance	1,191

Services Provided	Members
REDETERMINATION	
REDE Completed via ABE	130
Submitted REDE or Documents	142
Re-applied/ New Application	57
Provided REDE information	561
Provided other Medicaid Information	62
Contacted DHS for Coverage Clarification	47
Denied Coverage (Reason Provided)	8
MEMBER INCENTIVES	
Gave Rewards Program information	345
CARE COORDINATION	
Met with Care Coordinator	275
Completed HRS	236

#### Redetermination Events & Attendance – March'24 - February'25



## CountyCare Outreach Participation











## CountyCare Redetermination Events Monthly Flyer





## Keep your medical coverage



Watch for your redetermination forms in the mail from the State of Illinois. Scan here to complete them online at abe.illinois.gov. Or, attend one of our redetermination events. We will get copies of your renewal forms and help you submit them.

DATE	CLINIC LOCATION	ADDRESS
<b>April 3, 2025</b>   10AM-2PM	Friend Health Clinic - Pulaski	5635 S. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, IL 60629
<b>April 7, 2025</b>   10AM-2PM	North Riverside Health Center	1800 S. Harlem Ave., North Riverside, IL 60546
<b>April 8, 2025</b>   10AM-2PM	Robbins Health Center	13450 S Kedzie Avenue, Robbins, IL 60472
<b>April 9, 2025</b>   10AM-2PM	PrimeCare Health Center	5635 West Belmont Ave., Chicago, IL 60634
<b>April 10, 2025</b> I 1PM-5PM	Casa Maravilla Alivio	2021 S. Morgan St., Chicago, IL 60608
<b>April 11, 2025</b> I 10AM-2PM	Englewood Health Center	1135 W. 69th St., Chicago, IL 60621
<b>April 15, 2025</b> I 10AM-2PM	Cottage Grove Health Center	1645 Cottage Grove Ave., Ford Heights, IL 60411
<b>April 16, 2025</b> I 10AM-2PM	Provident Hospital/Sengstacke H.C.	500 E. 51st St., Chicago, IL 60615
<b>April 17, 2025</b> I 10AM-2PM	Friend Health Clinic - Pulaski	5635 S. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, IL 60629
<b>April 21, 2025</b> I 10AM-2PM	Chicago Family Health	9119 S. Exchange Ave., Chicago, IL 60617
<b>April 22, 2025</b> I 10AM-2PM	Esperanza Health Centers Brighton Park	4700 S. California Ave., Chicago, IL 60632

# CountyCare Informational Flyer

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#### Keep Your Medicaid Coverage

If you have Medicaid, you have not had to complete your redetermination forms since the COVID-19 pandemic. From May 2023 to April 2024, the State of Illinois will send redetermination paperwork to Medicaid enrollees.

### NEED HELP COMPLETING YOUR REDETERMINATION FORMS?

Look for a letter in the mail from the State of Illinois asking for information about your eligibility.

Complete the form and return by the due date listed.



# 312-864-REDE

HOTLINE HOURS MONDAY-FRIDAY 8AM - 6PM SATURDAY 8AM - 4PM







Application for Benefits Eligibility
(ABE) then click on "Manage My
Case" to check your redetermination
due date and complete your renewal

countycare.com

Beware of scams. Illinois will never ask you for money to renew or apply for Medicaid. Report scams to the fraud report website (https://www2.illinois.gov/hfs/oig/Pages/ReportFraud.aspx) or the Medicaid fraud hotline at 1-844-453-7283/1-844-ILFRAUD.



## CountyCare Social Media

Need help renewing your Medicaid?
CountyCare is here for you!

#### Attend a REDE event to:

- ✓ Get help with your renewal paperwork
- √ Receive a free box of fresh produce
- √ Meet with a care coordinator

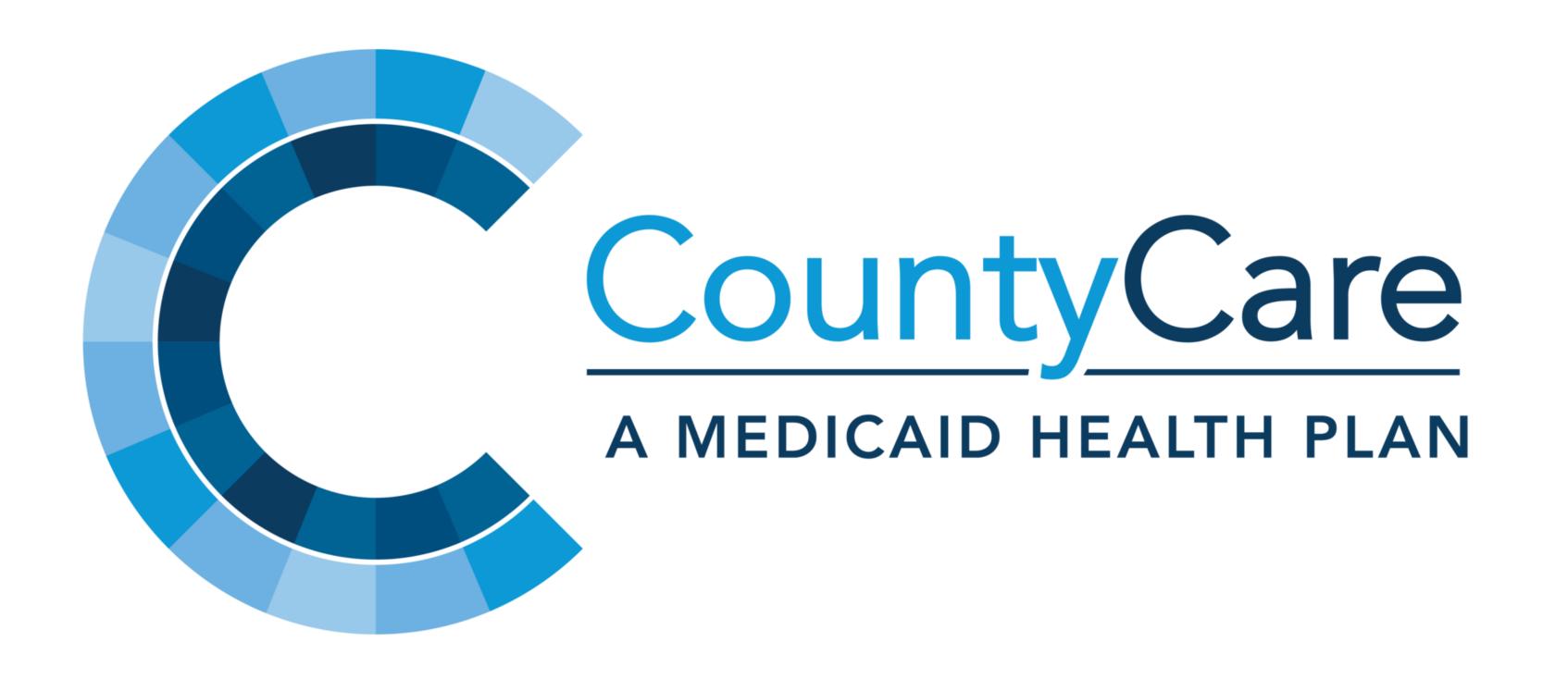
Questions? Call 312-864-7333.





Register for the event by calling 312-864-REDE (7333) Walk-ins are welcome.





Thank you!



# Evolent Grievance Overview

By: Evolent A&G Team

Keona Nettles, Manager

Kasey Bevers, Senior Coordinator

Susana Valenzuela, Senior Coordinator

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#### What is a Grievance?

- an expression of dissatisfaction about any matter other than an adverse benefit determination
- Grievance resolution turnaround time = 45 calendar days

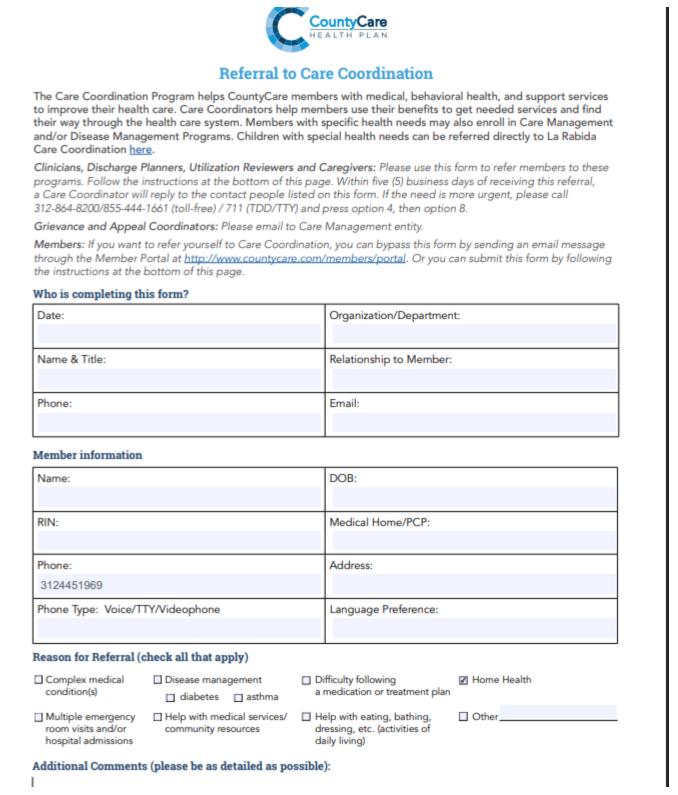
#### Care Management (CM) Grievance:

- What is a CM Case? If member is dissatisfied with the services provided by their assigned care coordinator and/or if the member needs care coordination services
  - Member complaint Examples:
    - Care coordinator is not returning phone calls to the member or not showing up to scheduled home visits.
    - Care Coordinator is rude or not assisting with the services the member is requesting.
  - Member referral (services needed) Example:
    - If member needs care coordination assistance with homecare, homemaker services, changing pcp, finding specialist, assistance with prior auth needs, health risk survey, etc.
- What is NOT a CM Case? If the member expresses dissatisfaction not related to Care Coordination services or in need
  of Care Coordination services. (If received, case should be returned to A&G Coordinator for investigation)
  - Example:
    - Dissatisfaction with the Provider/Office Staff and does not want to change providers.
    - DME issues
    - Customer Service issues.

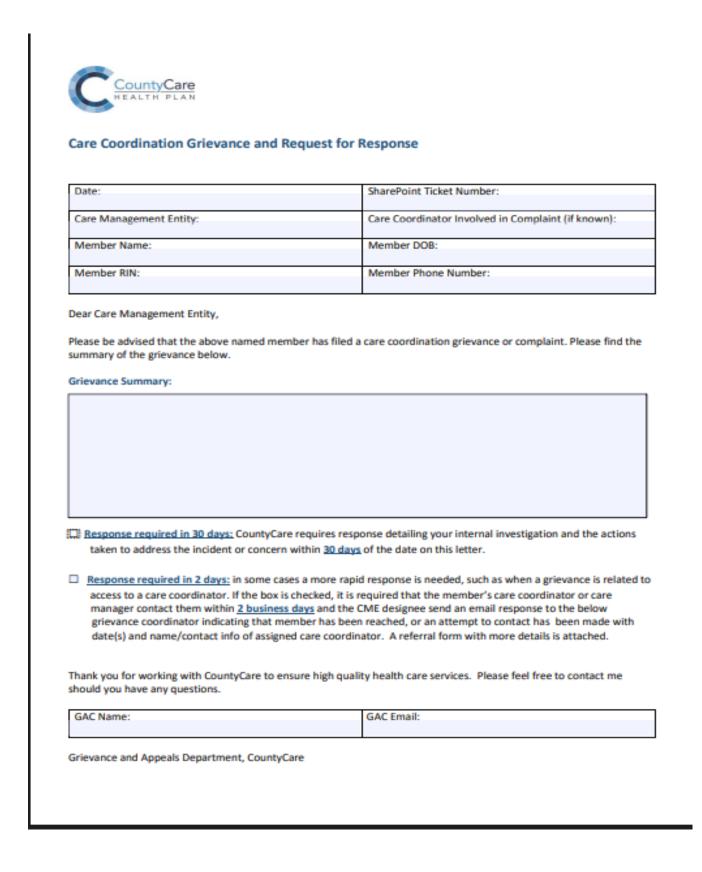


## Case Management (CM) Referrals and Grievances

#### Referrals for Care Coordination



## Complaints against Care Coordination Services





## Examples of requests to CM for action:

- "Requesting: Outreach to address request for MRI, and about jaw, chest, and throat pain. Establish care with member and HRS. Assist as needed."
- "Member filed a grievance about an incident at a doctor's office. It was sent as a Critical Incident on intake. Response from Critical Incident referral staff at countycarequalityofcare@cookcountyhhs.org declined to proceed as Critical Incident but advised to forward for a Quality-of-Care review (will be done separately). Response included the directive: "Although we are not opening a case for this member, we do require ongoing safety assessments to be performed with this member." Requesting: Outreach to member to establish care (and do Health Risk Survey?) and take actions deemed appropriate. Please confirm receipt and advise when member is contacted, and assessment is complete. "
- "Member has requested help finding a INN REPRODUCTIVE ENDOCRINOLOGIST. Please outreach and assist."



## Examples of requests to CM for action con't.:

- "Requesting outreach to assist member. Member desires surgery for chronic pain issues and provider is not helping as member desires. Member may desire change in doctor."
- "Requesting outreach to assist member getting the medication they need and associated services."
- "Requesting outreach to assist member with info regarding diagnosis, as well as changing therapists and location."
- "Member filed a grievance saying that she needed help finding a Dialysis office that is INN. Please outreach and assist."
- "Member has filed a request for a new doctor. She has concerns that her medications were increased improperly and is making her take tests she does not need. We will also be sending a Fraud/Waste/Abuse referral regarding member's concerns."



#### How cases are sent to CM for review

#### All grievances/referrals are sent for Case Management review via email

- Appeals and Grievance (A&G) Coordinators will fill out the "Care Coordination Referral form" or "Care Coordination Grievance and Request for Response form".
- The A&G coordinators will email the appropriate form to the Care Coordination email box. CountyCare Referrals <a href="mailto:countycarereferrals@cookcountyhhs.org">cookcountyhhs.org</a>, CountyCare Referrals team forwards email received to designated CME.
- A&G Coordinators will use an email template when sending the Care Coordination emails.
- CME must confirm receipt and provide regular updates via email to all parties in the email thread.
- If additional information is needed, CME should request information from A&G Coordinators as soon as possible to ensure case is resolved by response due date.
- A&G requires an action for both referrals for care coordination and care coordination grievances.

## Examples of Email Template

Email Subject Line: [Case Number] CM Referral [RESPONSE DUE DATE] #secure#

#### **Email Body:**

**Action Required: (Directions for CME Team)** 

Care Management response due date: (When response from CME is due)

Immediate Care Needs: (Any time sensitive needs for the member)

Other Investigation (Optional): (Additional information discovered outside of member call)

Intake call Reviews, TC with Member, Claim review, etc.

#### **Summary of Grievance:**

**Member: (Member Name)** 

ID# (Member ID #)

PH: (Member Telephone number)

**Reason for Call: (reason for member grievance)** 

Provider/Location/Facility/Vendor Information: (Provider information)

**Date Incident Occurred: (Date of service or incident)** 

**Grievance info received: (Information received during intake call)** 

#### Thank you!



#### Common Barriers

- Care Management Entity Changes:
  - If member changes Care Management entity during open case requesting care coordination services
    - CME should respond to email thread advising member is no longer active and directing CountyCare referrals team the request should be sent to new CME.
- Delayed Responses:
  - CME not acknowledging receipt of case
  - Responses are not provided by case due date.
    - Responses are not sent until A&G coordinator request for updates and then extension is requested by CME.
      - This results in cases not resolved within 45 calendar days.



## Examples of responses from CM

#### Complaint about care coordination services:

#### Good morning,

I have spoken to providing her with my information to follow up with me with any concerns she may have. She continues to reiterate that she does not want approviding her care coordination. has been instructed to not meet with respect her wishes.

#### Referral for care coordination services:

1/23/2025 @ 1230: RNCC received inbound return call from Cami @ Nu motion concerning the DME that the member has not received. Cami informed me that this matter has been escalated to illinois medicaid/ and evicore. Cami states the issue is due to improper coding and that county care is working to have this matter resolved. Cami states that the next scheduled follow up from county care is scheduled for Feb 3. 2025. per Cami/ the RP was informed of the status of the DME and that county care will be responding by feb 3rd, 2025.

I sent a UTR letter on 1/10/2025, and no response was received.

1/28/2025 @1314 attempted to contact RP/ VM and text message left.

Thank You



## Examples of responses from CM cont.

#### Referral for care coordination services:

Member was upset that provider would not issue more than one months refill at a time requiring a monthly visit which he did not feel was necessary, and the provider was ignoring requests from pharmacy to refill in spite of member having just been seen the month before.

I sent a request/message to provider on 12/23. Member picked up medications on 12/27. Member visited provider on 1/8 and received 4 additional refills. The issue has been resolved.

NOTES: RNCC spoke to member to assist with finding a GI Specialist that would be able to see her earlier than appointment scheduled with GI at Northwestern in July 2025. Member was understandably irate, and reported that "I don't even care anymore, if they want me to keep going to the ER for medical management every month then so be it". Member reported that all her doctors are at Northwestern, and she is on a waiting list to be seen by a GI specialist ASAP but currently they could only offer her the appointment scheduled July 2025. Member refused assistance by this writer, with finding another GI provider at other facilities at this time.

Please Note: If the member is unreachable, Appeals & Grievance team needs confirmation Unable to Reach (UTR) letter has been sent to the member to resolve case.

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## Announcements

• Next webinar is April 16th, 2025!

- Slides posted on CountyCare Care Coordination Webpage:
  - http://www.countycare.com/carecoordination

- Have feedback? Ideas for future topics? Please share!
  - https://redcap.link/23k1fzzb



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