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# PHE Unwinding: State Processes and Stakeholder Engagement

*Panel Discussion*

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# Background

- During the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), states receiving the 6.2 percentage point increase in federal match may not disenroll beneficiaries
- When the PHE ends (earliest is January 11, 2023), states will resume routine eligibility redeterminations
- CMS and states have been planning for the unwinding, but concerns remain about potential post-PHE loss of coverage

# Prior Commission Work and Focus

- October 2020 and January 2022 panels with state officials and beneficiary advocates discussed areas of concern and strategies to mitigate coverage loss
- Special public meeting in July 2022 discussed state planning efforts and whether additional certainty around timing or federal financial support would assist state efforts
- Shifting gears to look toward a post-PHE world:
  - State operationalization of unwinding plans
  - Stakeholder engagement
  - Efforts to monitor unwinding progress

# Next Steps

- Today: approaches and challenges to operationalizing state unwinding plans and stakeholder engagement
- October: monitoring unwinding progress
- December: easing transitions in coverage at the end of the PHE

# Panelists

- Jami Snyder, Director, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
- Carl Feldman, Executive Policy Specialist, Pennsylvania Department of Human Services
- Jodi Ray, Director and Principal Investigator, Florida Covering Kids & Families

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