

## **Ohio Unwinding Process Overview**

A Presentation to Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee October 19, 2023

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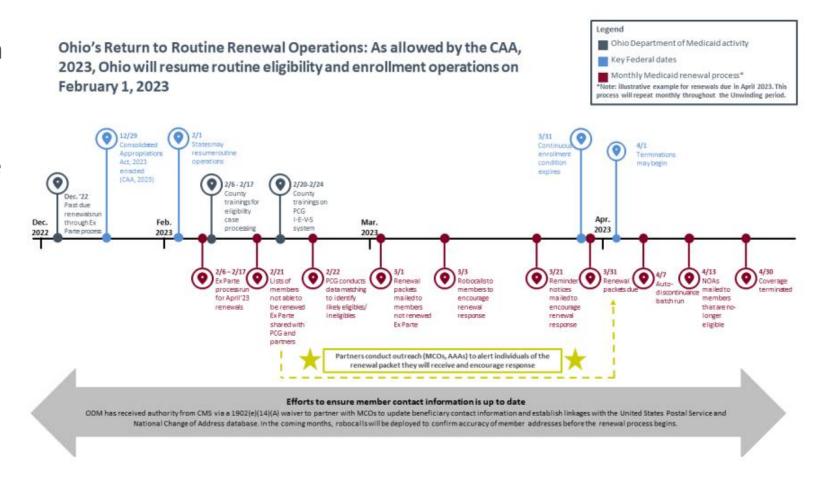
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# Overview and History of Unwinding

### **Overview of Unwinding**

- April 2023 was the first month states were permitted to begin routine eligibility determinations
  - » Ohio choose this earlier timeline
- Ohio's ex parte (or passive renewal) runs two months prior to renewal due dates
  - » Ohio officially kicked off its process in February 2023
- To date, renewals for 1.8 million recipients have been initiated



## **History of Preparing for Unwinding**

Ohio and its partners have been diligently preparing for Unwinding



- Partner Packet for stakeholders with key messages
- Continued outreach to Medicaid members
- ProComm: state automated SMS that updates member addresses in Ohio Benefits
- Unwinding webpage with information and resources IVR: automated call system that makes reminder calls to Medicaid members
  - MCO and CMA outreach via two-way file exchange



- System improvements to streamline Ohio Benefits (Ohio's E&E system)
- Enhancements to ex parte process
- PCG IEVS: third-party data vendor system that analyzes and sorts fallout cases
- Fast Lane Bot: implements Ohio's 1902(e)(14)(A) SNAP option waiver
- Renewal Received Bot: prevents improper termination even if the renewal packet is not sent back
  - Address Bot: updates addresses in Ohio Benefits



- County Activities Dashboard helps counties to better Financial incentives for counties that process track and monitor caseload progress
- County trainings and technical assistance
- \$30M appropriated to CDJFS for Unwinding activities
- additional cases
- ODM Central Processing Unit assisting counties with increased workloads

## **Unwinding Processes**

### **Overview of Ex Parte Review Process**

#### What is ex parte?

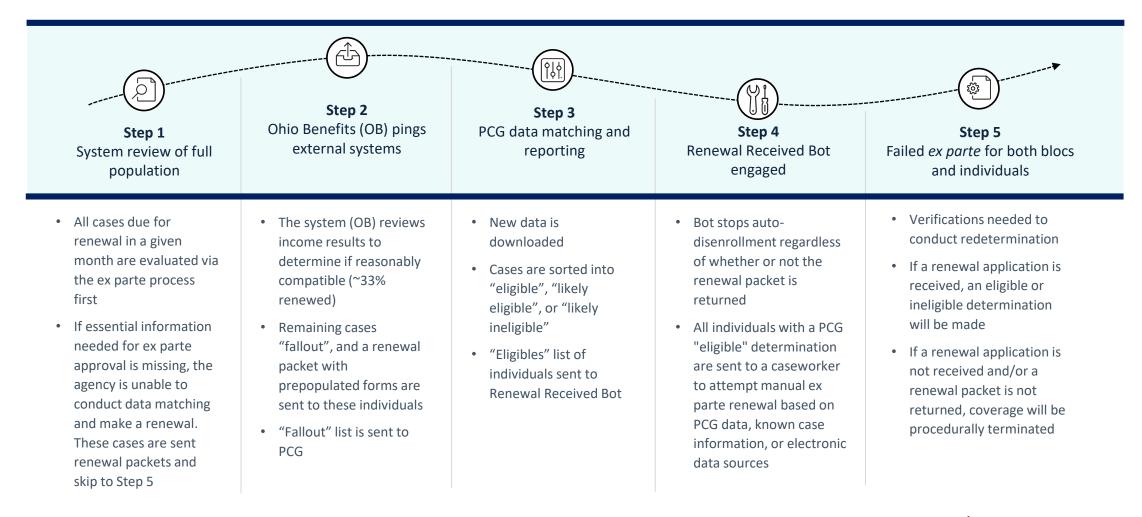
Ex parte review is a redetermination of eligibility based on reliable, verified information contained in the enrollee's eligibility case or other current information available to the agency, including information accessed through electronic data sources. All cases due for renewal in a given month are evaluated via this process. The renewal process begins two months prior to an individual's eligibility renewal date.

#### There are two types of ex parte:





#### OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID EX PARTE PROCESS: END-TO-END



#### Fast Lane Bot engaged throughout the entire process

- · Bot conducts nightly sweeps to identify any SNAP re-certifications with a corresponding Medicaid case
- Medicaid case may be renewed based on SNAP recertification

#### OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY PROCESS: END-TO-END (EXAMPLE: JULY 2023 RENEWALS)

**Auto Ex Parte** 40%

Ineligible **Terminations** 5%

#### Eligibility process data highlight

Approximately half of cases categorized as "prepopulated form" renewals are manual ex parte renewals conducted without a prepopulated renewal form returned

**Procedural Terminations** 19%

"Likely Ineligible" (10%)

No Response to **Renewal Packet** (9%)

### **Manual Ex Parte/Pre-Populated Renewal Forms** 28%



reviewed

analyzes & sorts fallout cases

Cases identified as 1 eligible, likely

ineligible

eligible, likely

Eligible: Renewal Received Bot engaged & caseworker attempts manual ex parte

**Likely Eligible &** = 0 **Likely Ineligible:** Renewal Packets Sent

#### **Communications**

- IVR: automated reminder calls to members
- **ProComm:** state automated reminder texts to members & updates member addresses in **Ohio Benefits**
- CMA/MCO outreach to members

#### Automations throughout eligibility process



- Fast Lane Bot: conducts nightly sweeps to identify any SNAP re-certifications with a corresponding Medicaid case (e14 SNAP option waiver authority)
- Address Bot: automates address updates received from MCEs, Automated Health Systems, and received through National Change of Address database (e14 waiver authority) in Ohio Benefits System

\*NOTE: the remaining 8% are cases that were not yet processed at the time of reporting

## **Ohio Unwinding Numbers & Rates**

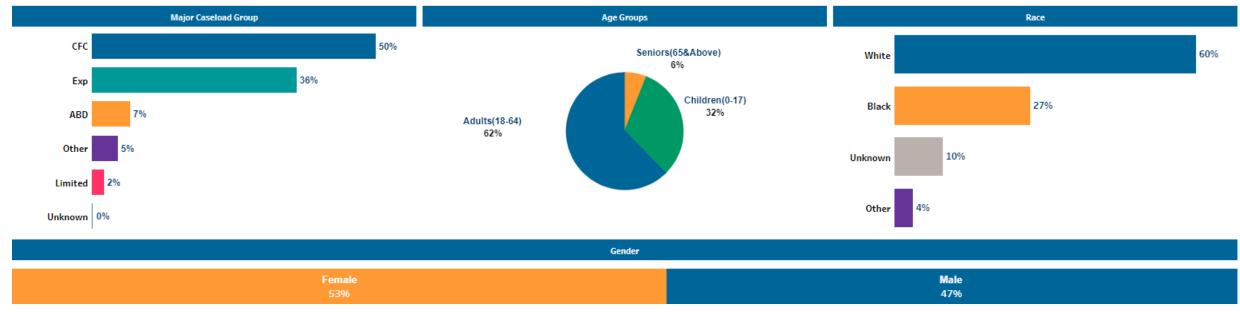
## **Ohio Renewal Numbers & Eligibility Outcomes by Month**

Below are the total number of members up for renewal by month since April 2023. It includes a breakdown of the eligibility outcomes for these members.

# of Individuals	April 23	May 23	June 23	July 23	Aug. 23	Sept. 23
Total members up for renewal	283K	316K	318K	320K	294K	298K
# Retained on Medicaid	209K	232K	216K	216K	193K	195K
% Retained	74%	73%	68%	68%	66%	65%
% Found ineligible	8%	7%	6%	5%	6%	5%
% Procedural terminations	16%	16%	17%	19%	20%	19%
Not processed by month end	2%	4%	9%	8%	8%	10%



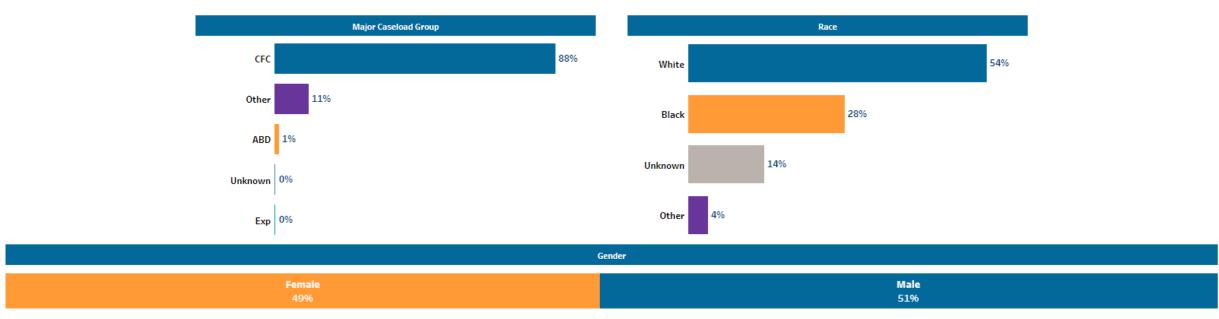
## Demographics of All Disenrollments April to September 30, 2023



**Total Population: 438,542** 

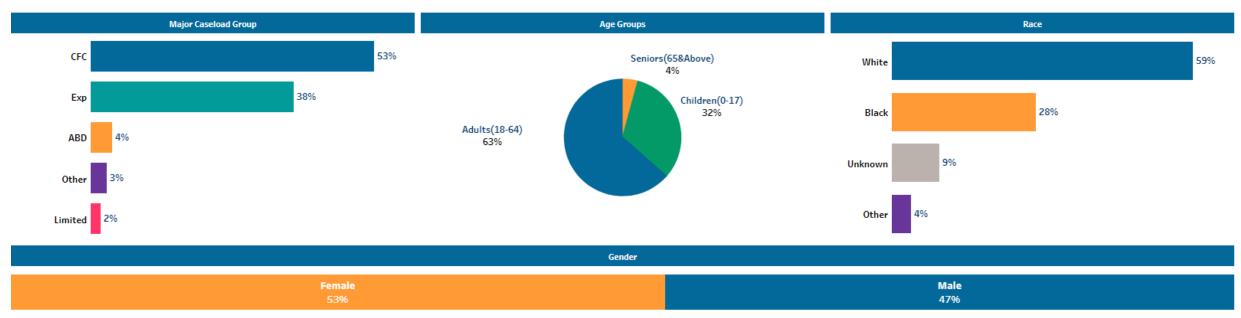


## Demographics of Disenrolled Children April to September 30, 2023



**Total Population: 138,826** 

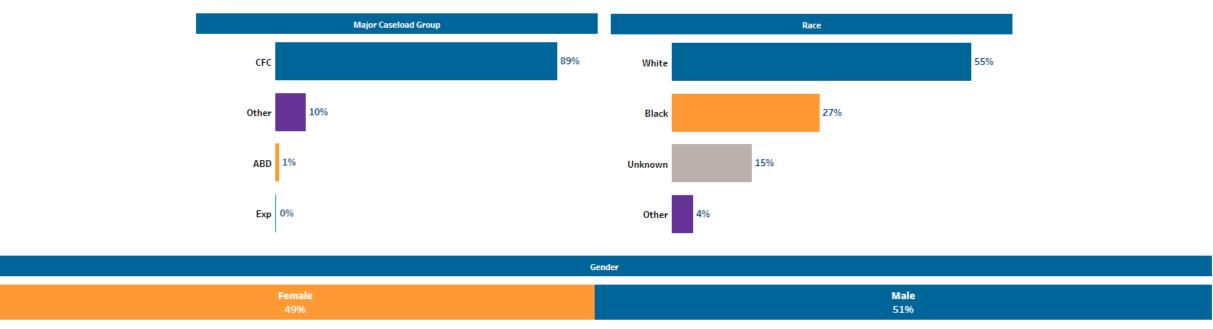
## Demographics of All Disenrollments (related to Annual Renewals) April to September 30, 2023



**Total Population: 355,230** 



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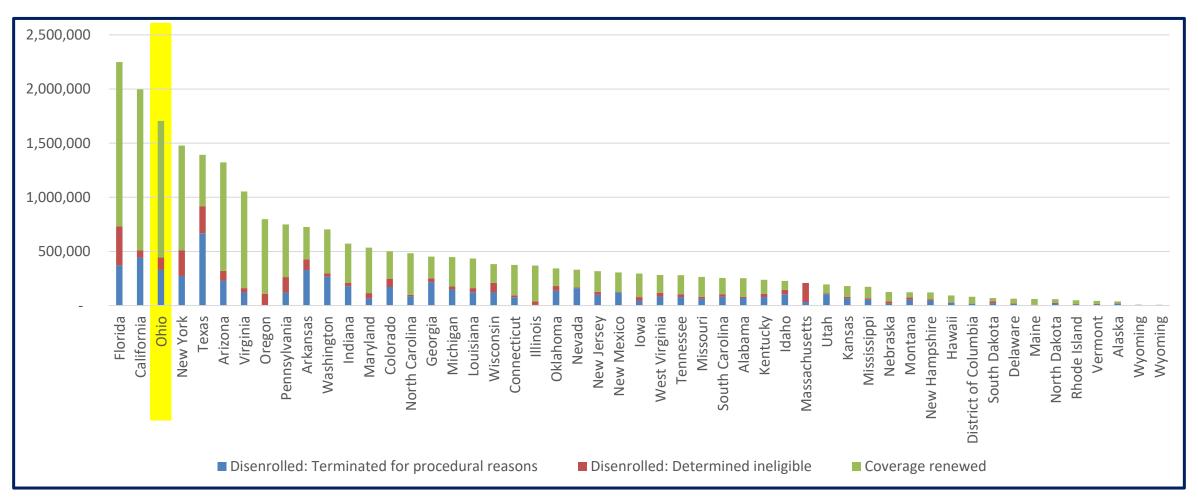


**Total Population: 108,247** 

## State by State Comparison

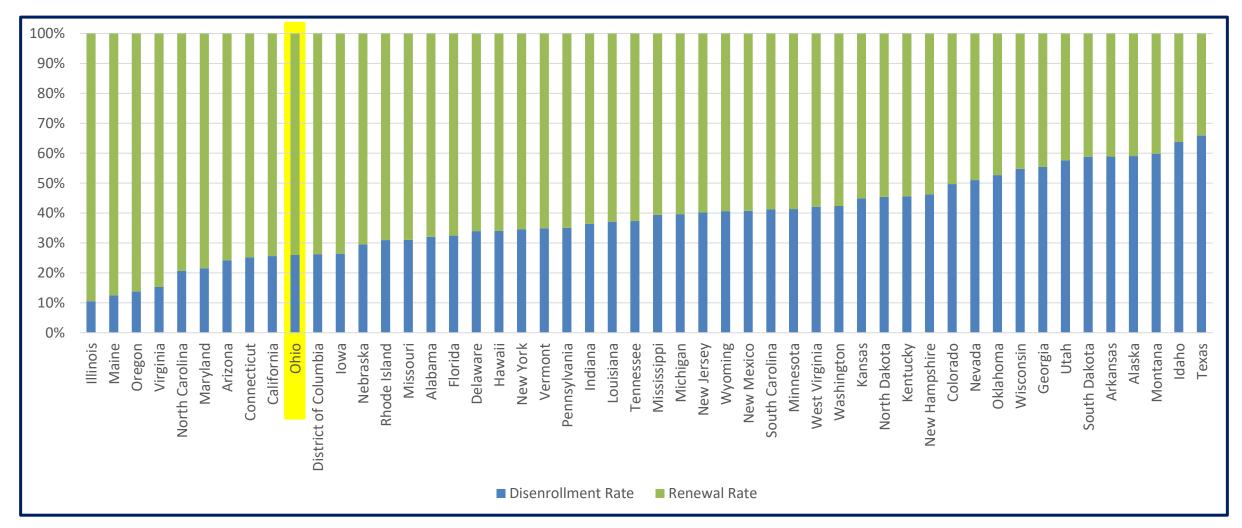
## Disenrollment and Coverage Renewed Numbers Across Reporting States

Of completed redeterminations, the number of people disenrolled for procedural reasons, disenrolled due to ineligibility, or coverage was renewed



## **Disenrollment Rates Across Reporting States**

The percentage of people whose coverage was renewed versus the percentage of people disenrolled



## **Peer State Comparisons: Unwinding Percentages by Category**

