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**AS THOUSANDS MAY BE KICKED OFF MEDICAID, CCRG UNVEILS NEW REPORT
MAKING CLEAR NEED TO PROTECT, STRENGTHEN, AND EXPAND PROGRAM**

STATEWIDE – The Connecticut Citizen Research Group (CCRG) today released one of the most extensive Medicaid surveys to date, featuring a national report as well as a specific report for the state of Connecticut.

[Strengthening Medicaid: Connecticut State Profile](#), finds that despite long wait times and other challenges in applying for or accessing services, nearly four out of five respondents were mostly or completely satisfied with the quality of care they received.

During the COVID-19 public health emergency, states were required to keep people continuously enrolled in Medicaid, known in Connecticut as HUSKY. During that time, enrollees did not face the regular barriers to renewing coverage, and the number of enrolled in Connecticut grew from 850,000 to nearly 1 million in 2022.

The report was created in partnership with the People’s Action Institute, the Center for Popular Democracy, Make the Road New York/States. In addition to these national groups, state partners included CCRG and Make the Road CT, as well as advocates in other states.

To prevent the loss of pandemic gains in providing coverage to more people, the report finds, Connecticut will need to act quickly to remove barriers to enrolling and maintaining coverage.

CCRG is the research and education arm of the CT Citizen Action Group (CCAG), which was one of the advocates who worked for Connecticut’s participation in a federal Medicaid expansion program in 2014. Connecticut has also ex[anded coverage in other ways since then, including expanding eligibility for children up to age 12 regardless of their immigration status.

The national report is entitled “**[Strengthening Medicaid: Challenges States Must Address as the Public Health Emergency Ends](#)**.” Nearly 3,000 Medicaid recipients were surveyed. This report comes just weeks after the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency on May 11 and as Congress considers a federal budget that could cut funding for key programs and initiate work requirements for Medicaid recipients. Congress set March 31, 2023, as the end date for the continuous Medicaid enrollment provisions and will phase down federal funding through December 2023.

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