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Dear School Leaders:

The Bureau of Indian Education is dedicated to the health and well-being of our students which includes their physical and mental well-being in addition to their academic strength. Part of that physical well-being is the ability to see a doctor – from emergencies to preventative care.

During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the Federal Government pushed back Medicaid re-enrollment to ensure everyone, especially children, had healthcare during that difficult time.

Now, our students and their families should be thinking about renewing their Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage. In April 2023, more than 94 million Americans were enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP across the country.

I am asking for your help in reminding the families and communities we serve to think about their Medicaid and CHIP eligibility now and not wait. While each state has a different timeline, the re-enrollment deadlines all end in the summer of 2024 or before.

Throughout this school year, I encourage you to:

- (1) Share this information with your staff so they are better informed for our communities;
- (2) Familiarize yourself with your state’s Medicaid, CHIP, and Affordable Care Act Marketplace resources and deadlines;
- (3) Remind parents that each state is different, from deadlines to plans to the names they give “Medicaid;” and
- (4) Encourage everyone to check their insurance deadlines and eligibility. Even if parents are not eligible, their children might be.

Let’s do our part by providing reminders and informational resources. Find out more about re-enrollment at [medicaid.gov](https://www.medicaid.gov). See a state-by-state breakdown of renewal timelines [here](#).

Sincerely,

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