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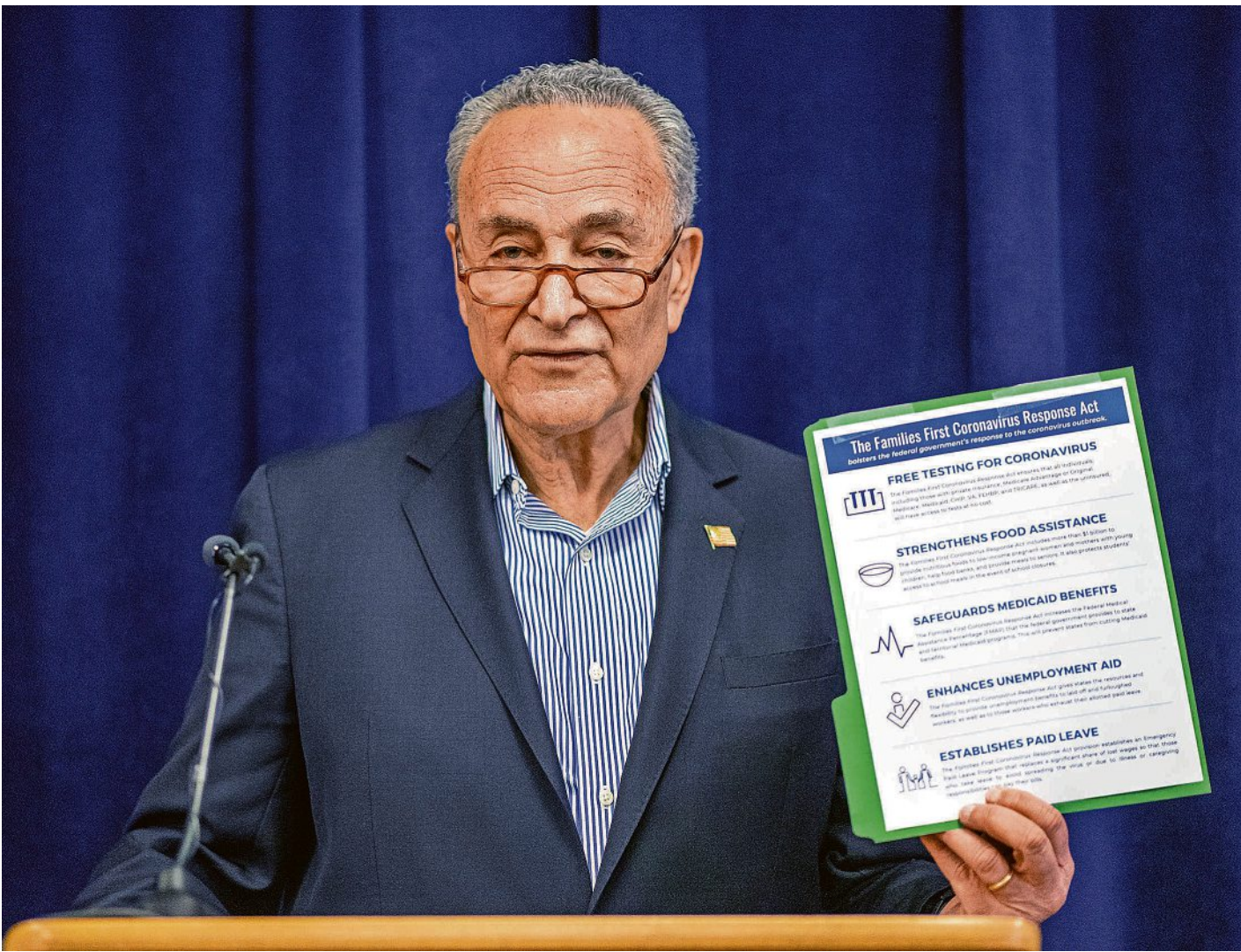
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25 million people lost Medicaid after pandemic



During the pandemic, routine Medicaid disenrollments largely stopped as part of the March 2020 Families First Coronavirus Response Act, which included a provision requiring states to keep most people continuously enrolled in Medicaid in exchange for additional federal funding. DAVID DEE DELGADO/GETTY IMAGES

State policies shaped who stayed covered

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THE CONVERSATION

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of people covered by Medicaid rose month after month – an unusual pattern for the government’s insurance program for people with low incomes and disabilities.

Why? A policy of continuous coverage during the pandemic essentially halted Medicaid disenrollment to make it easier for people to stay insured during the public health emergency. By early 2023, enrollment had reached an all-time high of more than 94 million people.

Then the trend abruptly reversed. Between April 2023 – when states began resuming eligibility checks that had been paused during the pandemic – and mid-2025, more than 25 million people were disenrolled from Medicaid. The process became known as the

The most recent data shows that Medicaid enrollment has largely stabilized after several years of dramatic change. As of December 2025, the most recent month for which data is available, total enrollment stands at roughly 76 million – above pre-pandemic levels of about 71 million but below the pandemic peak of 94.1 million.

“Great Unwinding.”

As a health economist who studies the effects of public policy on insurance coverage and health outcomes, I’ve been following these enrollment shifts closely. Now that the unwinding has mostly played out, Medicaid enrollment data reveal a fragmented, state-by-state picture. Coverage losses were not evenly distributed, reflecting differences in how states carried out eligibility checks and how much administrative burden they placed on eligible people trying to stay enrolled.

That patchwork of state policies still matters now. Under the 2025 budget

law, as of Jan. 1, 2027, states will have to enforce new Medicaid work rules and more frequently check eligibility for many adults who gained coverage during the expansion. So the same administrative differences exposed by the rollback of Medicaid coverage after the pandemic are likely to play a role again in who keeps their coverage and who loses it.

Pandemic enrollment jump

Before the pandemic, Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program, which provides coverage for children in families with modest incomes, together covered about 71 million Americans.

Normally, people must regularly renew their eligibility for these programs by confirming their income and household information. States remove people who no longer qualify or who fail to complete paperwork.

During the pandemic, however, those routine disenrollments largely

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2 strong earthquakes recorded on same day

Occurrence is uncommon, but not unprecedented

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Two strong, back-to-back earthquakes struck around the world on June 8, reigniting worries that more serious temblors could be on the way.

A quake with a magnitude of 7.8 struck the Philippines just before 7:40 a.m. local time, killing about three dozen people and injuring many more. It triggered tsunami warnings across multiple countries, collapsed buildings and toppled power lines.

A rare earthquake also struck off the western coast of Cuba in the afternoon with a magnitude of 6.1. It was felt as far away as parts of Florida, reported the USA TODAY Network, Florida. Authorities in Cuba haven’t reported major damage or casualties from the quake. An earthquake that strong hadn’t been felt in the area since a 6.0 in 1880, according to the U.S. Geological Survey’s Paul Earle.

But experts say such oddball earthquakes are a reminder that seismologists don’t yet have a way to predict with any precision when they may strike, or exactly where.

“There is no sign of a link between these earthquakes in Cuba and the Philippines, and no reason to expect unusual events as a consequence of them,” said Brandon Schmandt, professor at Rice University and seismology expert. “No one can predict earthquakes.”

But experts do study what areas are at a long-term risk for a strong quake. “However, by investigating faults and past quakes, scientists can better

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What earthquake magnitudes mean

According to Michigan Technological University, earthquake magnitudes can have the following effects:

- **Below 2.5:** Generally not felt
- **2.5 to 5.4:** Minor or no damage
- **5.5 to 6.0:** Slight damage to buildings
- **6.1 to 6.9:** Serious damage
- **7.0 to 7.9:** Major earthquake, serious damage
- **8.0 or greater:** Massive damage, can destroy communities

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