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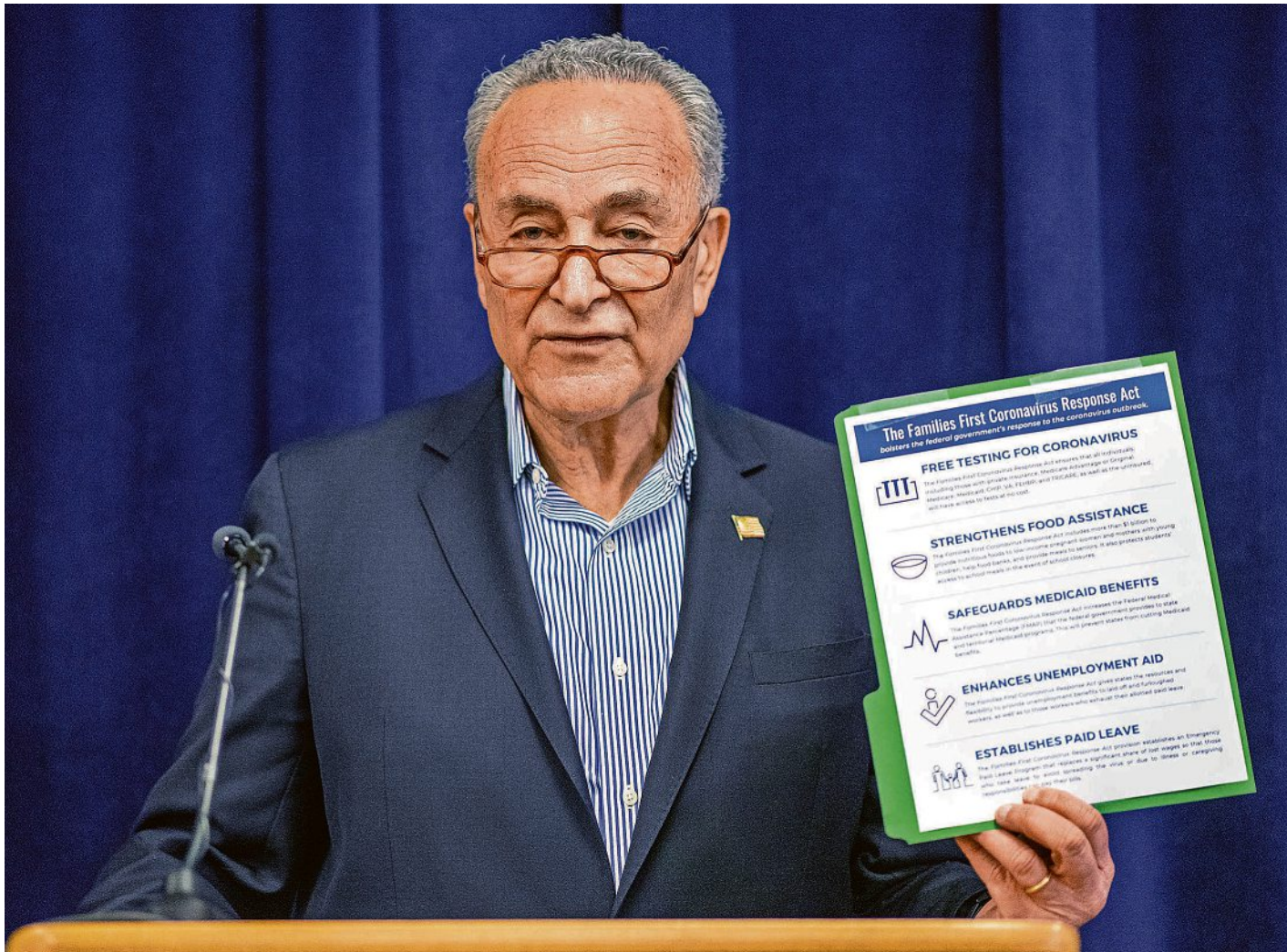
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25 million people lost Medicaid after pandemic



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 “Great Unwinding.”

As a health economist who studies the effects of public policy on insurance

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 prepandemic levels of about 71 million but below the pandemic peak of 94.1 million.

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 roll-

back 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 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. At the same time, job losses and income declines made more Americans eligible for Medicaid.

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Brighton Twp. planners recommend site plan for new condos

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A proposed condominium development on Brighton Township’s Woodland Lake has taken another step forward. The Brighton Township Planning Commission voted 6-0 at its June 8 meeting to recommend preliminary site plan approval for The Cove at Woodland Lake to the Board of Trustees.

The project from Mitch Harris Building Company includes eight docks and 39 units – 33 condos and six detached condos. It’s proposed on roughly 42.8 acres of vacant property located south of Dann Drive and North Christine Drive, the last undeveloped parcel on Woodland Lake.

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Local events to celebrate Fourth of July, America 250

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The Fourth of July is fast approaching, with extra celebrations planned for the country’s 250th anniversary.

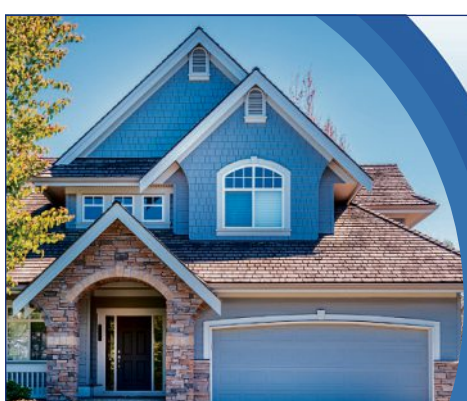
Events are happening in Livingston County and beyond to celebrate the holiday. The Daily has compiled a non-exhaustive list of local Fourth of July events, organized by location, to enjoy with friends and family and show patriotism.

Brighton

The 20th Annual Hungry Duck race in Brighton begins early July 4, with three types of courses. The half marathon begins at 6:30 a.m., while the 10K and 5K run/walk start at 6:45 a.m., all in downtown Brighton. The race raises funds for nonprofits that fight hunger. Registration for each race is available at a discounted rate through June 28. Learn more at runsignup.com.

The Brighton Fourth of July Parade begins at 10 a.m. July 4 on Main Street in Brighton. This year’s parade will

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