



**PRACTICE ALERT**  
**Medicaid Eligibility Rule Withdrawn**

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The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) is pleased that the Trump Administration has withdrawn an anticipated Medicaid proposed rule calling for additional restrictions in Medicaid eligibility. The proposed rule was to be released in April would have imposed additional restrictions on Medicaid eligibility, resulting in the loss of coverage for thousands of individuals. In February, NASW, along with its coalition partners, met with the Office of Management and Budget to express concerns about the potential impact of restrictive eligibility verification processes on families, communities, and providers. NASW urged OMB to ensure that any regulatory changes not harm a number of vulnerable populations, including those with chronic health conditions. Timely access to health care services is all the more important as the nation copes with the COVID-19 crisis and its aftermath, which will likely continue for a long time to come.

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