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Dear employer,

Federal protections during the COVID-19 public health emergency allowed millions of Americans to remain on Medicaid even if they would otherwise be ineligible. Now that the emergency has ended, Medicaid redeterminations have restarted. More than 10,000 Vermonters have transitioned off Medicaid and tens of thousands more will do so over the next year. Some of these Vermonters have already enrolled in employer-sponsored plans. Others who didn't have an affordable employer-sponsored option have enrolled through our state marketplace, Vermont Health Connect.

Vermont has long been a national leader when it comes to expanding health insurance access for all residents. Thanks to collaboration between our businesses, policymakers, community organizations, and neighbors looking out for each other, Vermont has the second lowest uninsured rate in the country. Increased health insurance access has translated to better health, greater peace-of-mind, and fewer financial surprises for Vermont families.

We are writing to invite you to continue our collaboration and help keep Vermont workers covered as pandemic-era measures wind down. You can help by taking steps, such as extending enrollment periods for group coverage, to make it easier for former Vermont Medicaid members to enroll in employer coverage throughout the coming year. Other measures you can take are outlined in the attached letter from the [Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services to Employers, Plan Sponsors, and Issuers](#).

With your help, we can ensure that your employees and their families find the best health insurance options for them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, enclosed in a blue oval.

Todd W. Daloz
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