

Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility, Enrollment, and Renewal Policies During the Unwinding of Continuous Enrollment and Beyond

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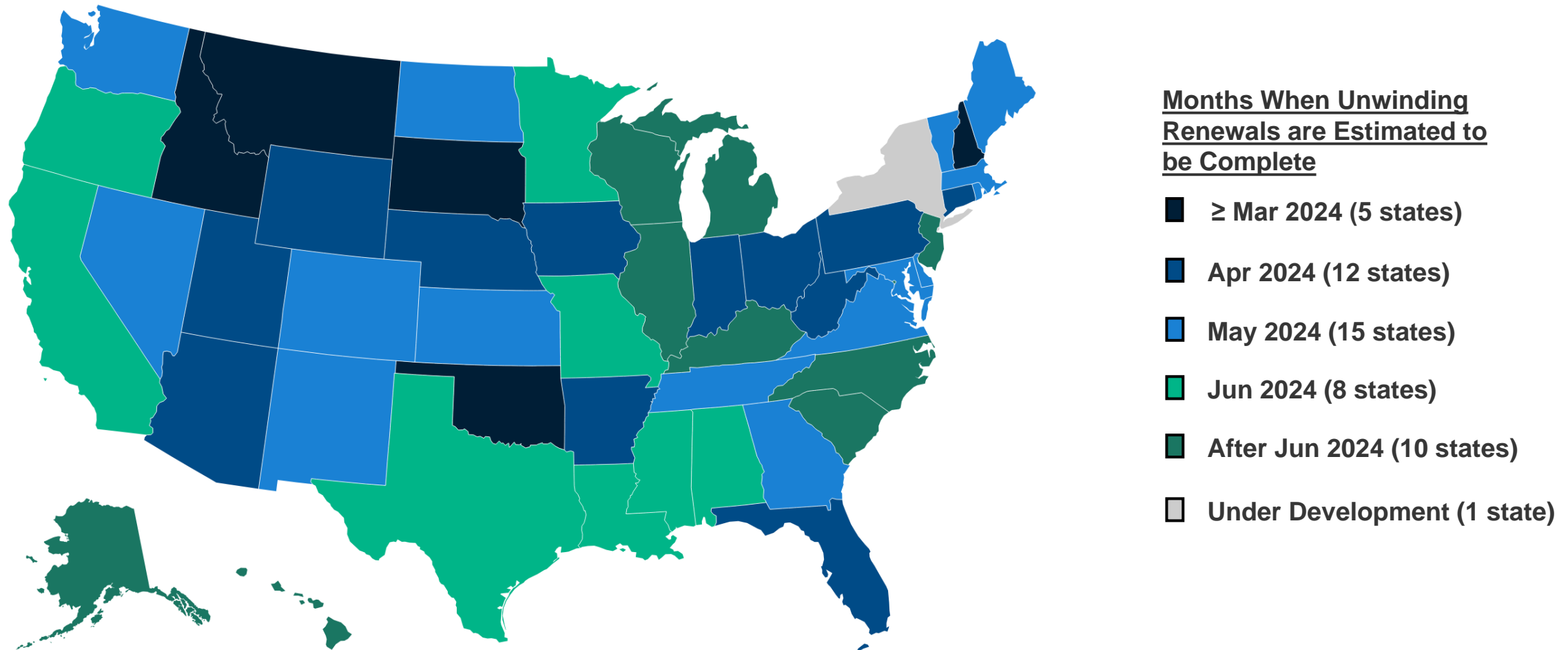


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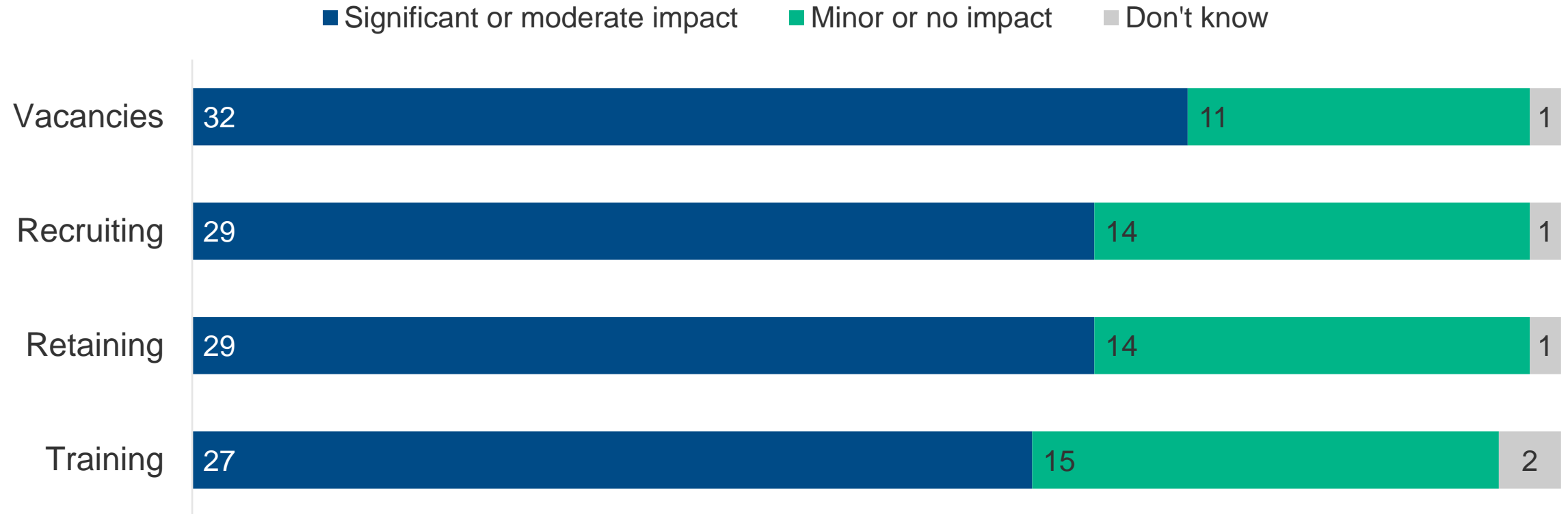
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Most states are expected to complete all unwinding renewals by July.



Source: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Scheduled State Timelines for Completing Unwinding-Related Renewals.

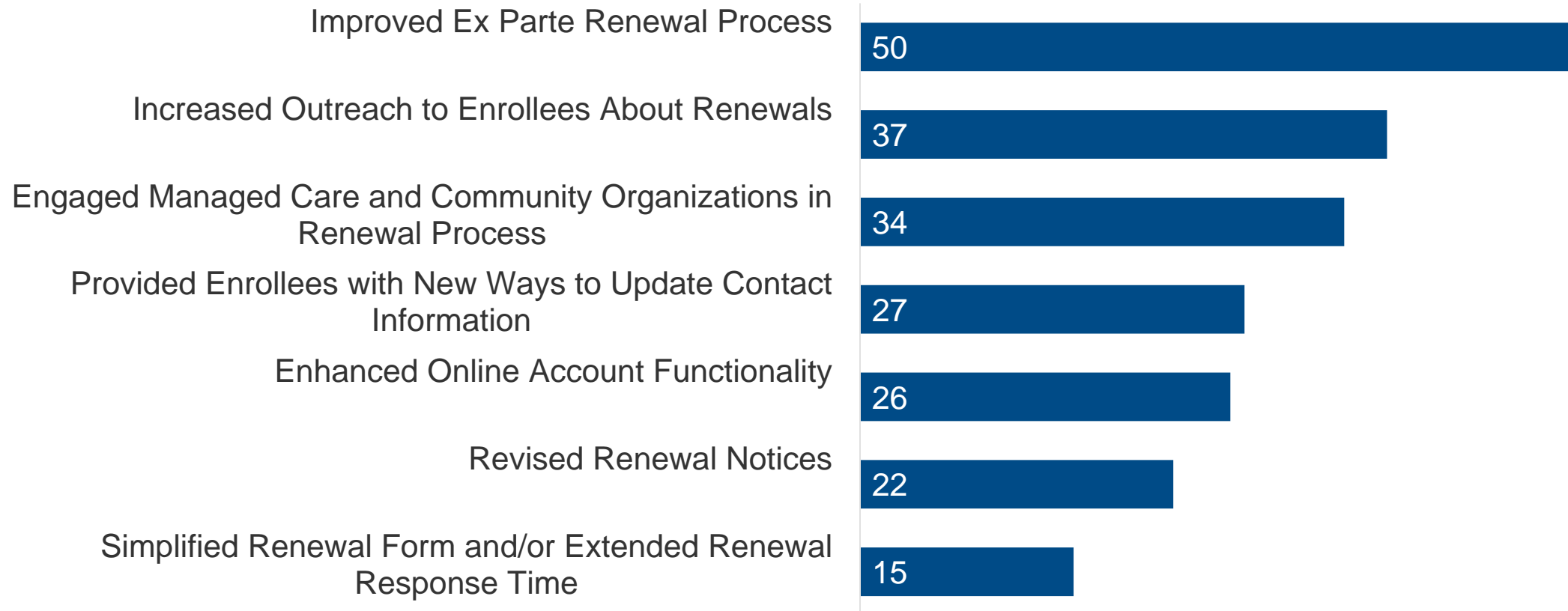
Challenges with eligibility staff workforce impacted the ability to process applications and renewals in over half of states.



Note: Number of reporting states: 50

Source: Survey of Medicaid & CHIP Eligibility, Enrollment, and Renewal Policies for MAGI Populations, conducted by KFF and Georgetown University Center for Children and Families, 2024

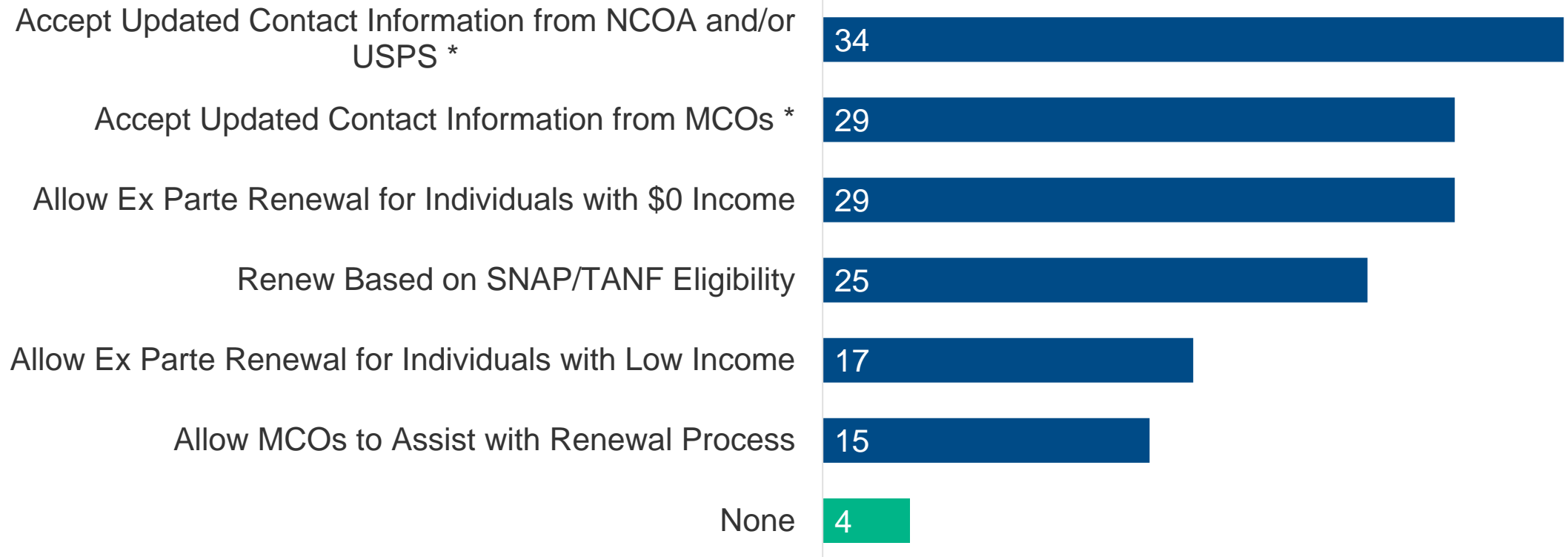
States made many changes to the renewal process that they plan to keep after the unwinding period ends.



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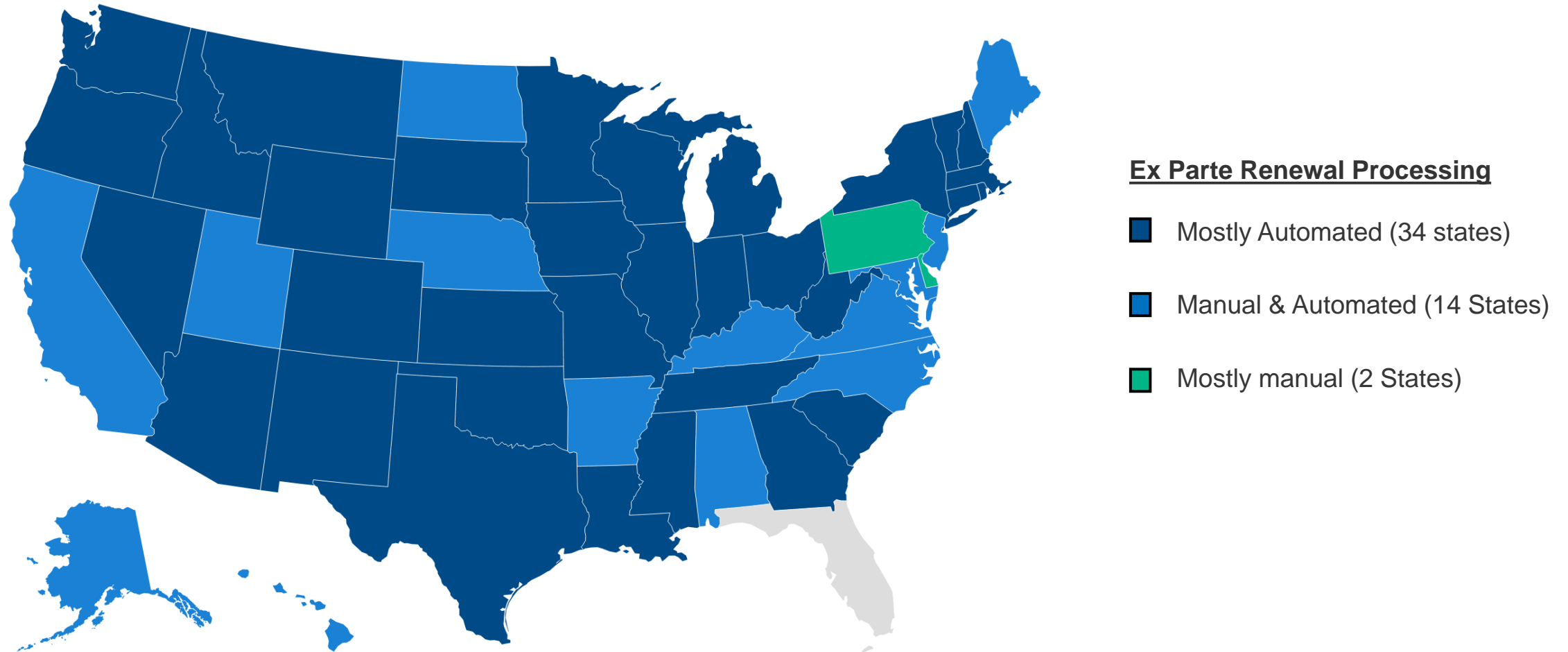
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Most states would like to make at least one 1902(e)(14)(A) waiver permanent.



Note: Number of states reporting: 48. *These waiver strategies have already been made permanent through the Eligibility and Enrollment Rule. NCOA=National Change of Address Database; USPS=US Postal Service; MCO=Managed care organization
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Automation, along with other strategies, has helped states improve ex parte renewal rates.

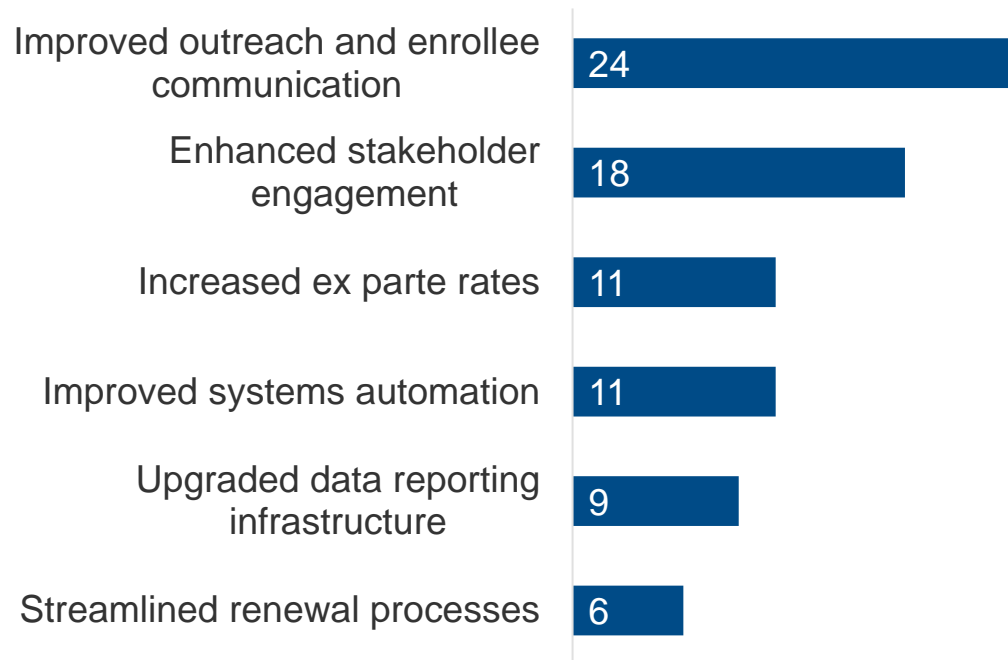


Note: Florida did not respond to the 2024 survey.

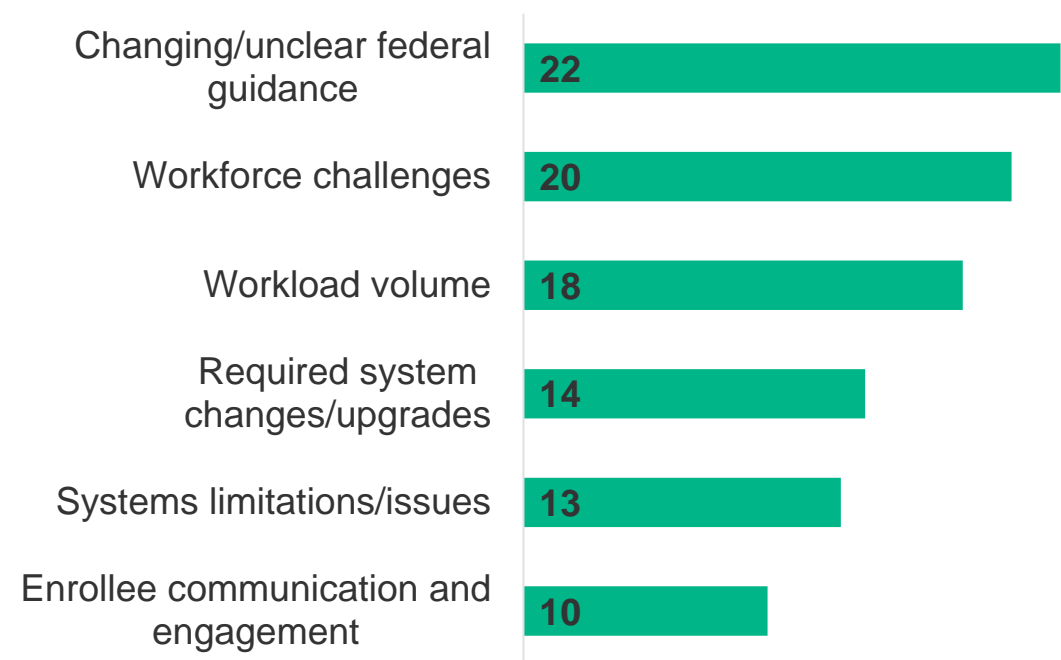
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Despite challenges, states reported improved enrollee outreach, stakeholder engagement, and system automation as successes.

State-Reported Unwinding Successes



State-Reported Unwinding Challenges

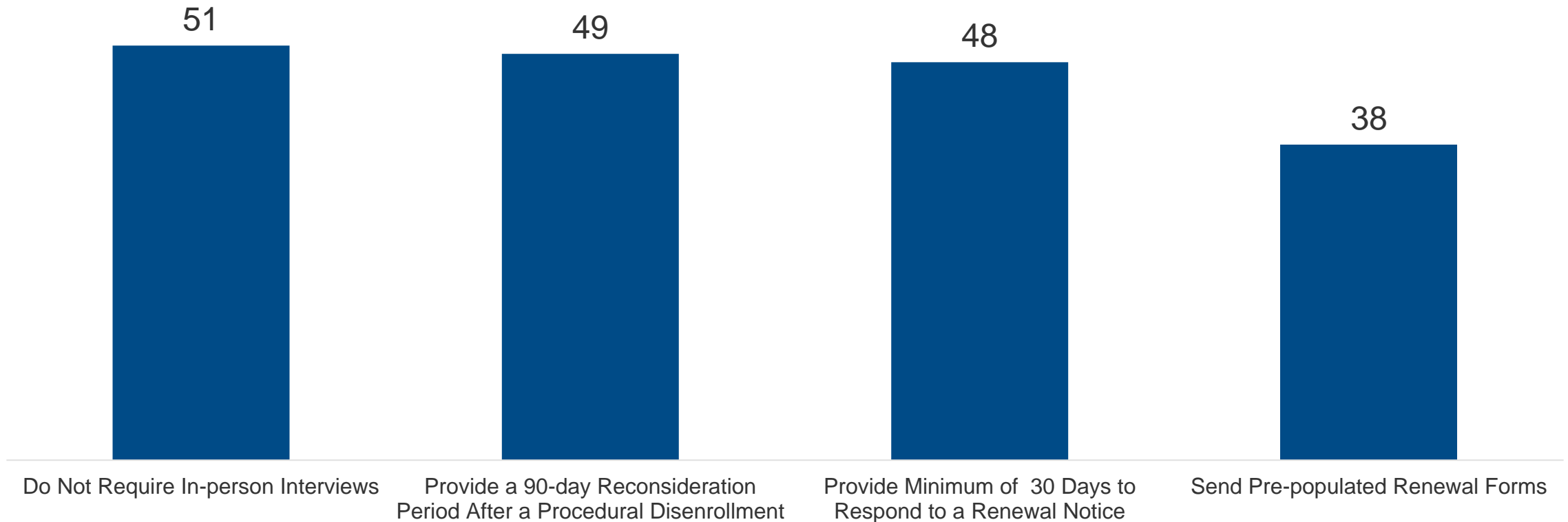


Note: States were asked to describe their top three successes and top three challenges. Responses that did not fit into identified categories were excluded.

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The majority of states have aligned renewal processes for all Medicaid enrollees.

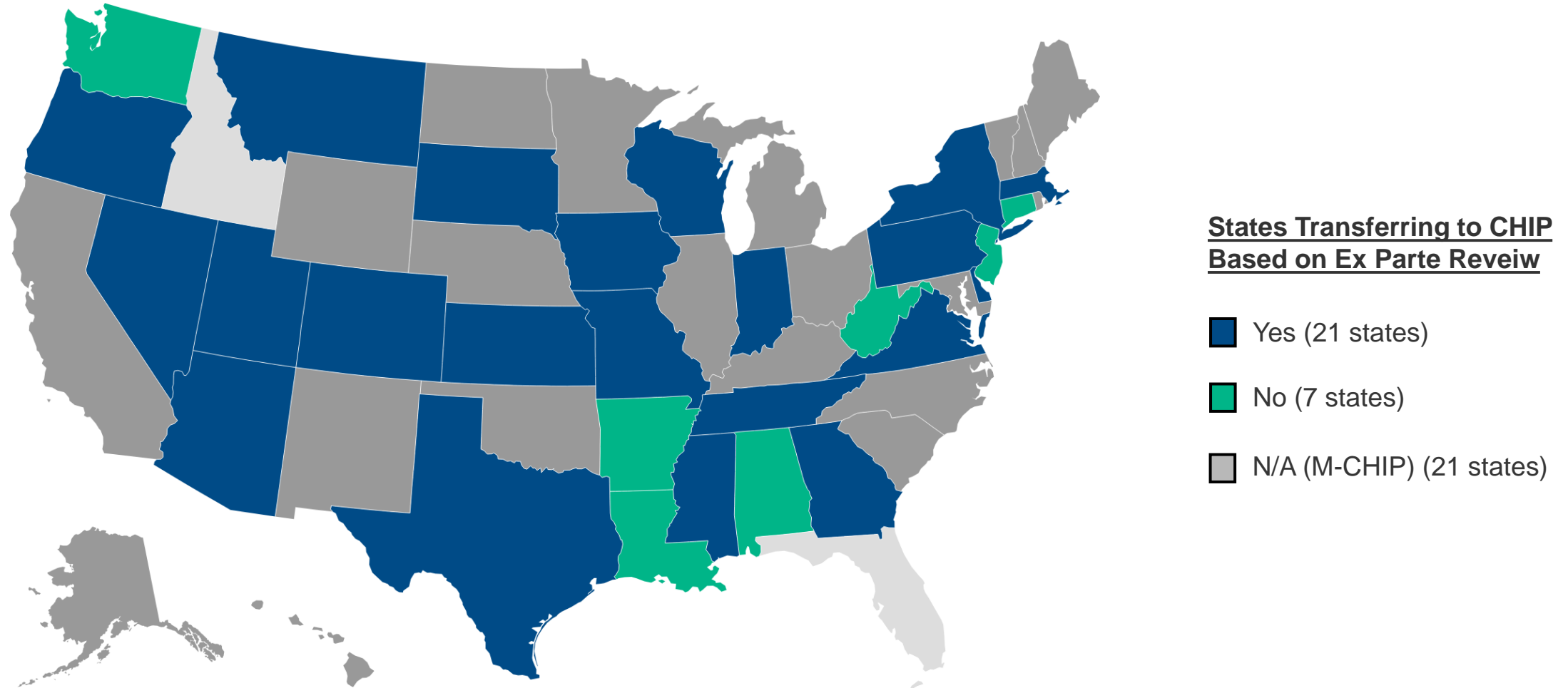
Number of States That Have Adopted the Renewal Policy for Seniors and People with Disabilities :



Note: FL data reflect the state's response to KFF's 2022 survey and supplemental research.

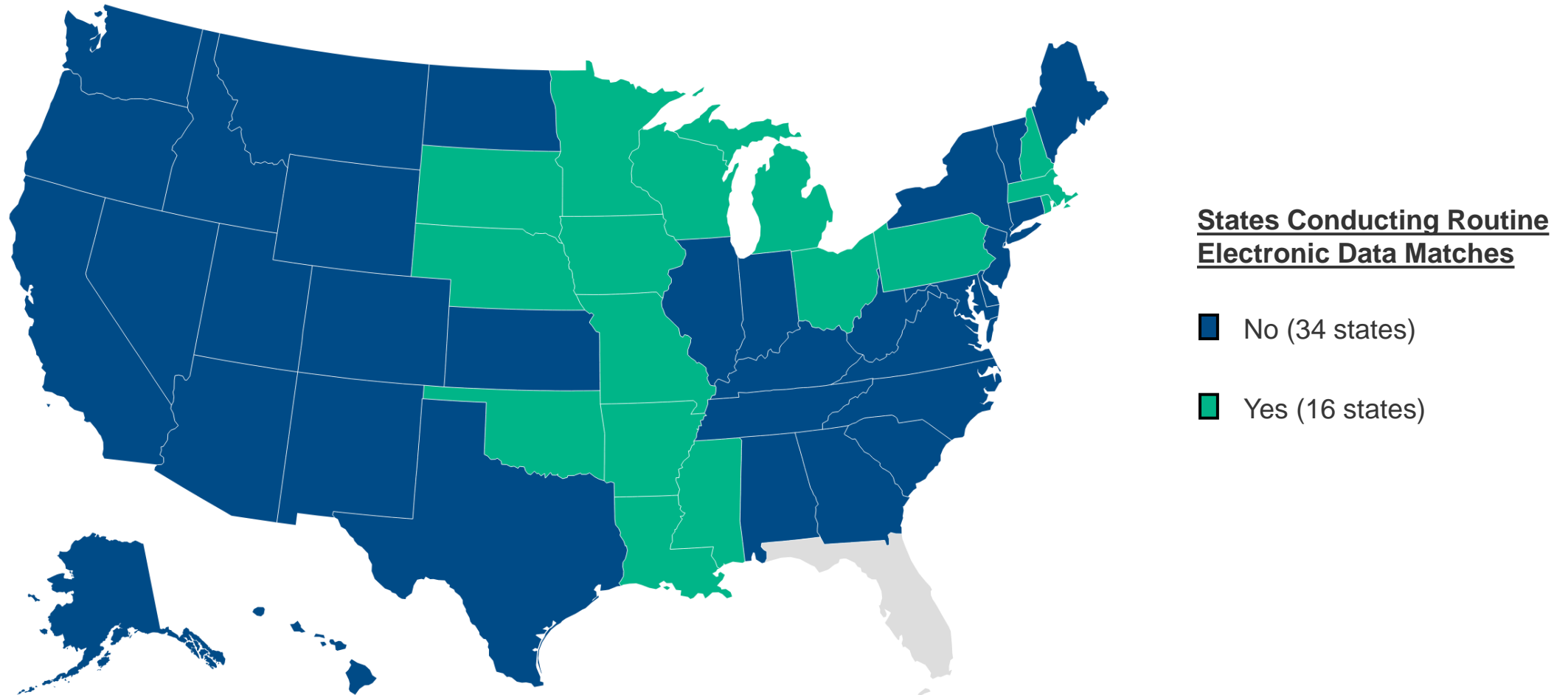
Source: KFF Survey of Medicaid Financial Eligibility & Enrollment Policies for Seniors & People with Disabilities, 2024

Three-quarters of states with a separate CHIP transfer children to CHIP when Medicaid ex parte review confirms eligibility.



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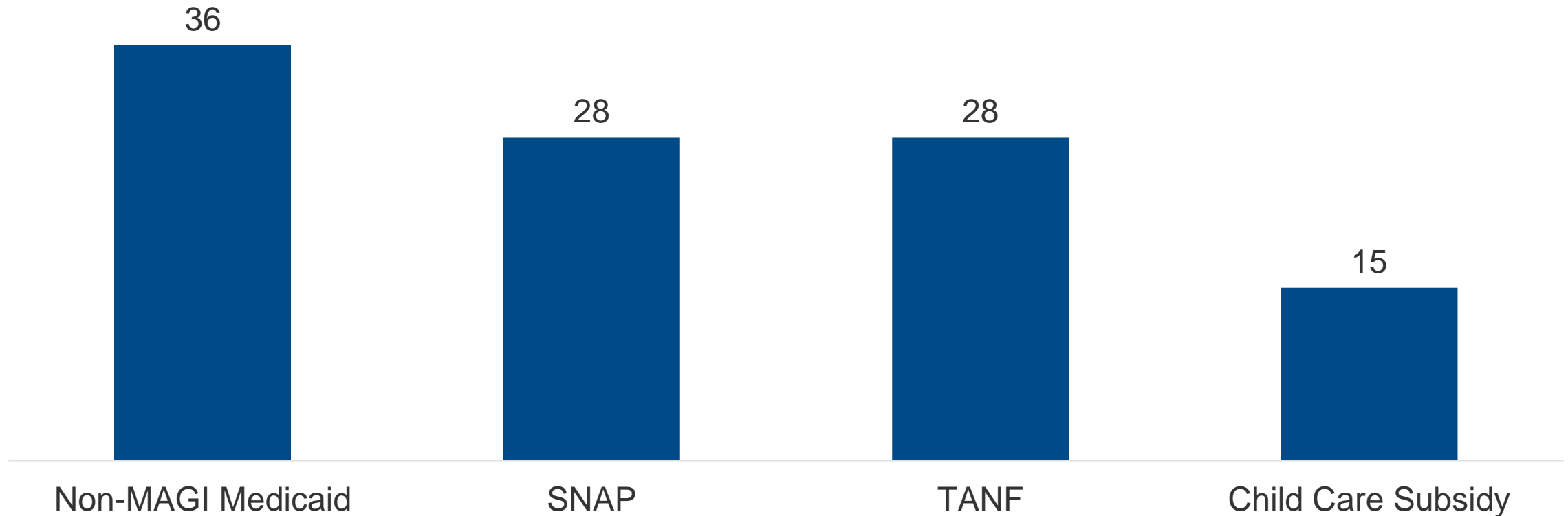
Some states will conduct routine data matches between annual renewal periods to identify changes in income post-unwinding.



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In most states, the Medicaid and CHIP eligibility system also determines eligibility for other health and non-health programs.

Number of States That Have Integrated Non-MAGI Medicaid and Other Programs into the MAGI-based Eligibility System:

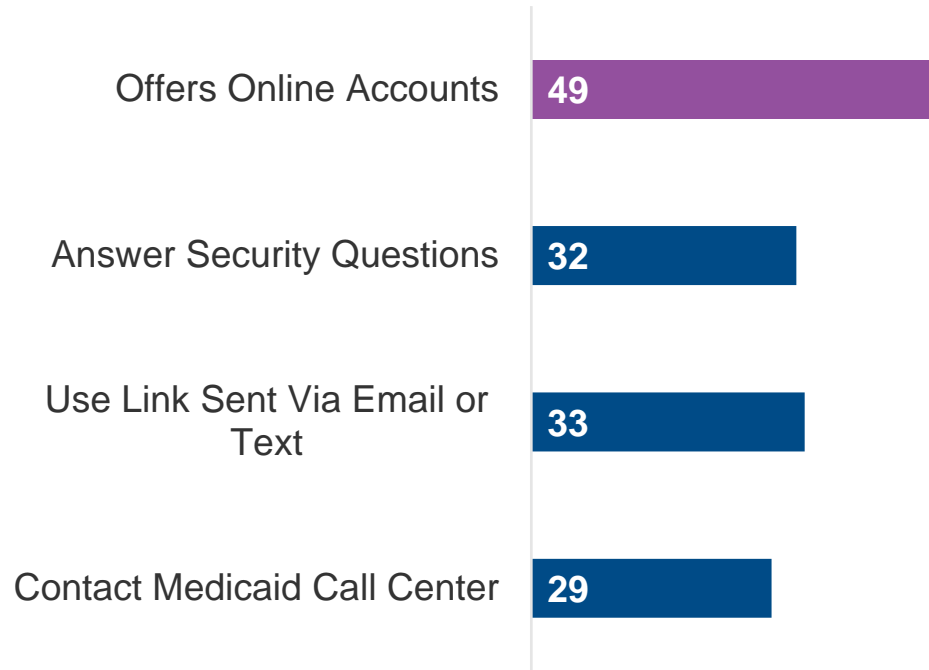


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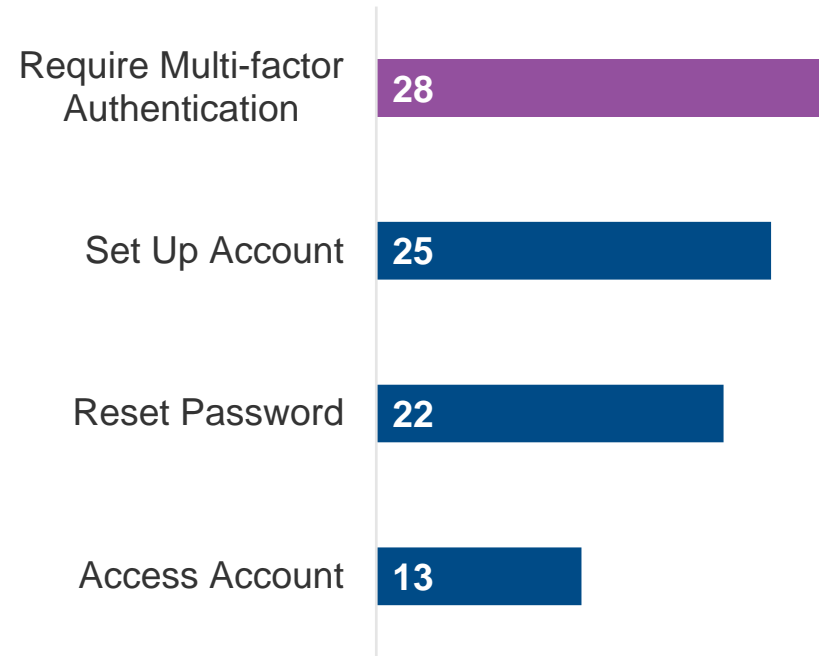
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In most states, enrollees have multiple ways to update the password for their online account, and about half require multi-factor authentication.

State Options to Update Password



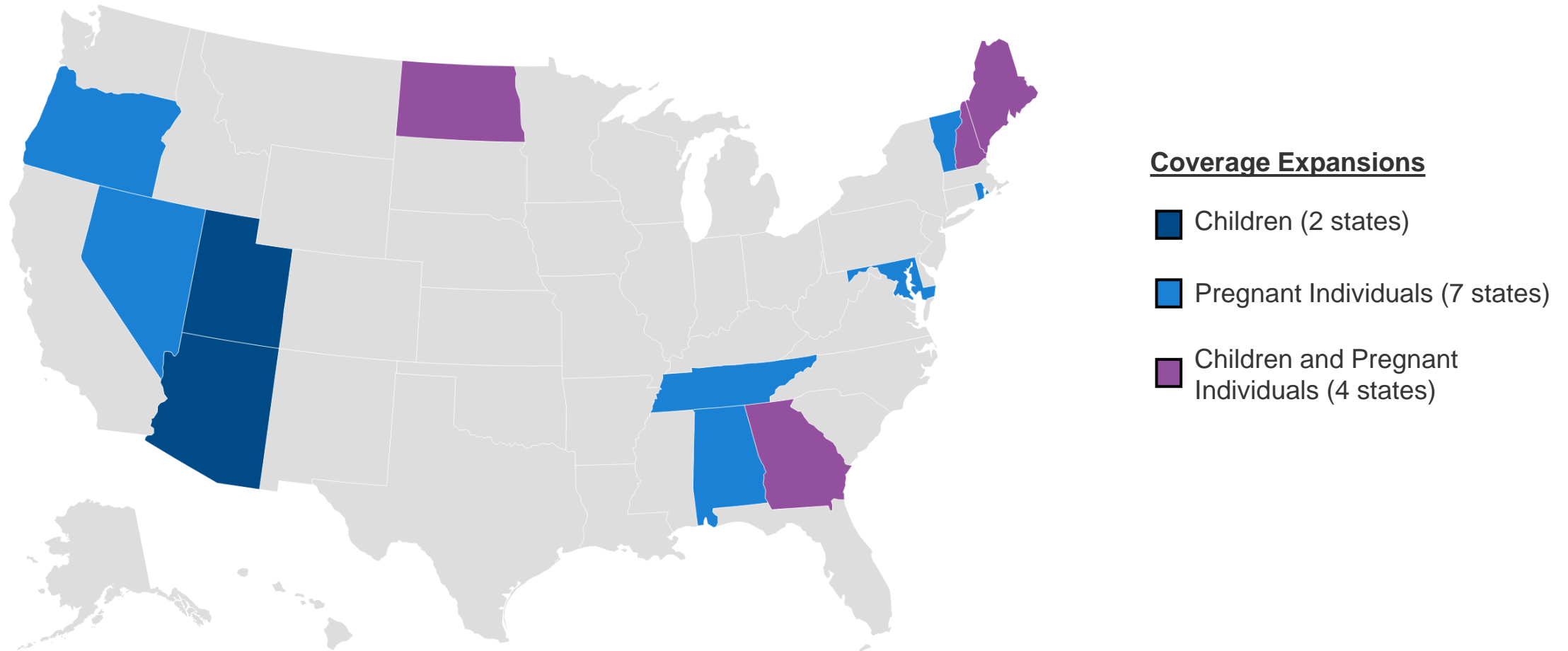
State Requirements for Multi-factor Authentication



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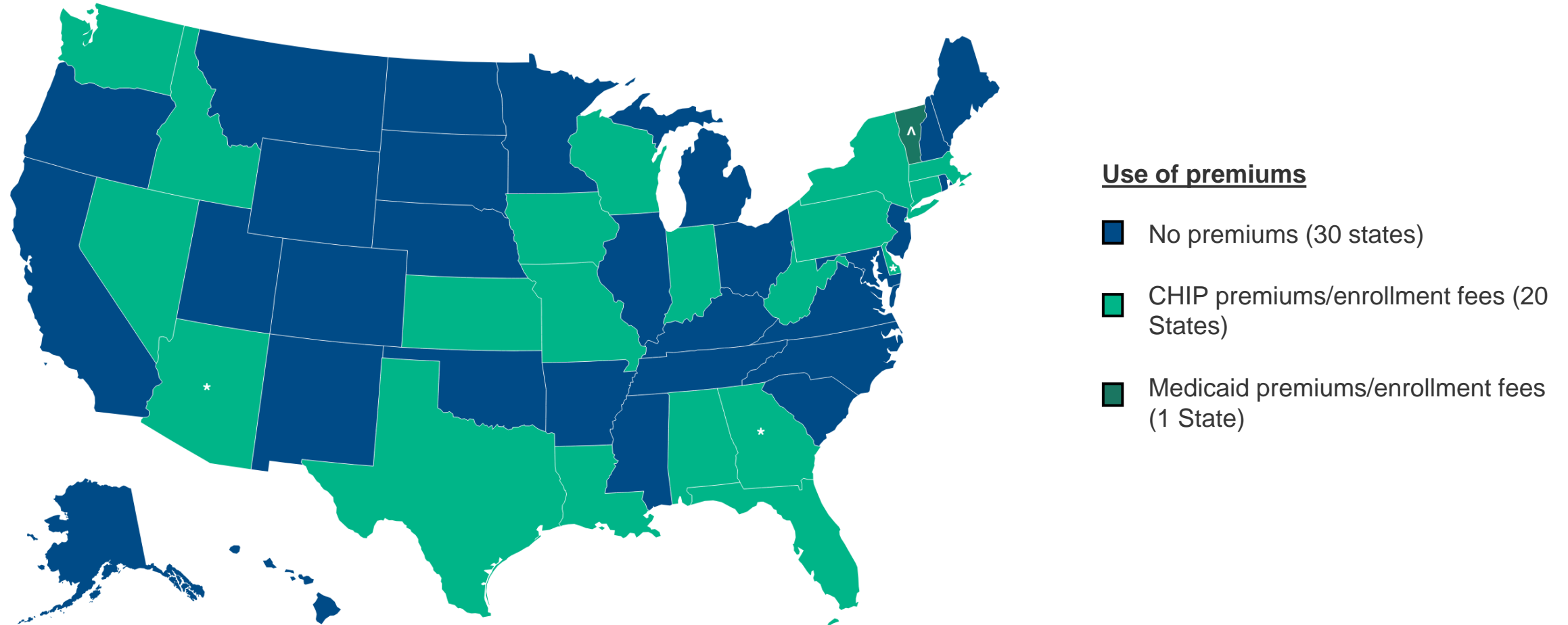
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In the past year, 13 states expanded income or immigrant eligibility for children and/or pregnant individuals.



Note: DC and NY newly adopted From-Conception-to-the-End-of-Pregnancy option; however, they previously provided the coverage with state-only funds.
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Since 2020, nine states have eliminated children's premiums permanently and premiums remain suspended in four states.



Note: *= Premiums have been temporarily suspended; ^= Premiums have been indefinitely suspended.

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