Medicaid Adult & Youth Reentry:

A NH DHHS, NH DOC, County Jails, & Sununu Youth Services Center Collaboration

Goal: Support carceral settings in strengthening transitions prior to release and upon release for inmates related to health services availability to reduce recidivism and the success individuals have in re-integrating back into their communities.

1. **Medicaid through an 1115 Waiver for Adults and under the Consolidated Appropriation Act of 2023 for Youth can now support state and county facilities with certain medical, behavioral and pharmaceutical services.**

2. **The eligibility related to Medicaid is specific to "adjudicated individuals (that is, someone sentenced);" Medicaid in a defined period prior to release and post release now has an exception to the federal inmate exclusion to fund certain services with a federal match.**

NH DHHS understands that each state and county carceral setting has unique aspects and will work with each one on one to implement the adult and youth reentry benefits.

New Hampshire's Adult Community Reentry Demonstration

New Hampshire Received CMS Approval for Community Reentry on July 16, 2024, and Plans to Pilot an Implementation of the Program Beginning January 1, 2025, for the NH State Prisons*

Core Features

Population: Medicaid-eligible inmates with *behavioral health needs*

Timeframe: Incarcerated individuals *45 days prior to anticipated release*

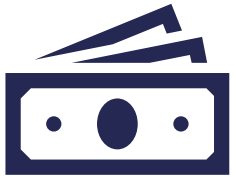
Services: *Tailored Medicaid services* including MCO enrollment, enhanced care coordination, initial pre-release visits with community-based providers, pre-release reentry care coordination meetings including community-based providers, peer support, and a 30-day prescription drug supply provided upon release

Delivery: *MCOs (limited benefit managed care),* MCO network providers (NH State Prison pharmacies, other community-based providers), NH State Prison reentry coordinators

Objectives



Increase Coverage Continuity and Improve Access to Services



Increase federal funding for medical / pharmaceutical expenses



Reduce Morbidity / Mortality



Lower Risk of Relapse and Recidivism

**Implementation in county jails will begin rolling out in SFY'26*

New Hampshire's Community Reentry Demonstration

Section 5121 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act federally Mandates States to Provide a Limited Benefit Plan Eligible Juveniles. NH Plans to Pilot Implementation January 1, 2025 with the NH State Prisons and Sununu Youth Services Center.

Core Features

Federal Mandate, all states must comply

Population: Medicaid enrolled eligible youth, including: youth up to age 21 and former foster care youth ages 21 and up to age 26.

Timeframe: Incarcerated individuals, begins *30 days prior to anticipated release*

Services: *Targeted Case Management* and *Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Testing Services (EPSDT) such as medical, dental, and behavioral health screenings*

Delivery: *MCOs (limited benefit managed care).* Providers may include MCO network providers, carceral providers

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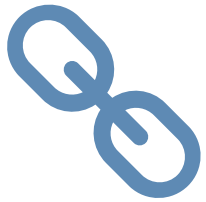

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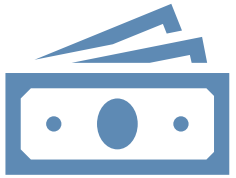

Increase funding to counties for medical/pharmaceutical expenses



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Resources and Contacts

Adult Community Demonstration Waiver Reentry (1115):

https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/section-1115-demo/demonstration-and-waiver-list/82561

Youth Reentry:

State Health Official Letter, CAA Section 5121 & 5122: State Health Official Letter (medicaid.gov)

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