

# Utah Medicaid Justice-Involved Program

## frequently asked questions

### **What is the Medicaid justice-involved program?**

This new program will help inmates as they re-enter their community. Up to 90 days before an inmate's expected release date, the program will cover limited Medicaid benefits to those in a state prison, county jail, or juvenile justice facility.

The program was approved by the federal government on July 2, 2024.

### **What services will Medicaid now cover for incarcerated individuals?**

The new program will provide pre-release Medicaid coverage, promote quality care, and facilitate the identification and treatment of physical and mental health needs.

Covered services include, but are not limited to, intensive case management, Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) services for all types of Substance Use Disorders (SUD), a 30-day supply of prescription medication upon release, targeted outpatient services, lab and radiology services, diagnosis and treatment of physical and behavioral health conditions, and screening for housing related services.

### **How will this program help Utah inmates?**

In partnership with Utah correctional facilities, Utah Medicaid aims to:

- Build bridges to community care
- Cover services that will stabilize health conditions prior to release
- Establish re-entry care plans
- Reduce the number of inmates who reoffend
- Reduce the rate of deaths after release
- Reduce the number of emergency room visits and hospitalizations after release

### **Will all correctional facilities offer this program?**

In order to participate in this program, state prisons, county jails, and youth correctional facilities will have to do a readiness assessment to show they meet the program requirements.



### What additional resources are available?

- [Medicaid member guide](#)
- [Medicaid website](#)
- [Utah's Medicaid Reform 1115 Demonstration webpage](#)
- [Utah's Medicaid Reform 1115 Demonstration Justice Involved Amendment](#)
- Utah Department of Health and Human Services Implementation Readiness Assessment-Correctional Facilities
- For **benefit and coverage questions**, contact a Medicaid Health Program Representative: (801) 538-6155 or 1-800-662-9651 or [hpr@utah.gov](mailto:hpr@utah.gov)
- For **administrative questions** related to this new program, email: [medicaidjusticewaiver@utah.gov](mailto:medicaidjusticewaiver@utah.gov)