

Medicaid Justice Re-entry Stakeholder Workgroup Meeting Notes October 2, 2024

- Ongoing Medicaid Justice Re-entry Stakeholder Workgroup meetings will be held on a monthly basis.
 - Updates, meeting times, and relevant documents can be found on justice-involved webpage: <https://medicaid.utah.gov/programs-and-services/justiceinvolved/>
- The Medicaid justice benefit is a robust Medicaid package that will allow Medicaid coverage for all qualifying inmates 90 days prior to release.
 - More importantly, this is a re-entry initiative that will allow incarcerated individuals to re-enter society with the necessary support and coverage in order to meet individual needs and serve the Social Determinants of Health.
- In addition to adults being covered on the 1115 Justice Waiver, youth will be receiving services through a lower requirement, the 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA).
 - The JJYS settings will come online in January 2025.
- The next milestone is the Implementation Plan.
 - This is a regulatory document required for submission by October 30, 2024 to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
 - It will be posted on the justice-involved webpage on Monday, October 7 for review.
 - Any feedback can be sent to medicaidjusticewaiver@utah.gov.
- Following the Implementation Plan approval, workgroups will be established to properly establish a Correctional Facilities Readiness Assessment, as well as a Community Partners Readiness Assessment.
- Ongoing goals:
 - Create a program that is not limited to being a Medicaid initiative but a re-entry initiative that can create crucial warm-handoffs to ongoing care in the community enabling individuals to break the cycle of recidivism.
 - Create an individual focused program that allows individuals to utilize created and existing systems to better their lives and the care that they receive.
 - Come online with one facility in an adult setting by July 2025.
- Action items:
 - Develop vision statements. Each individual was asked to spend time brainstorming vision archetypes to aid in the development of vision statements at the next stakeholder meeting.