

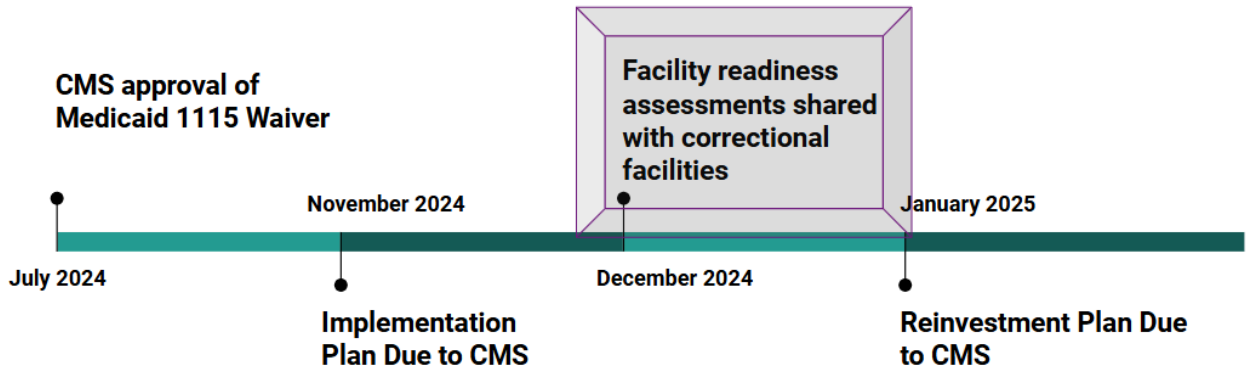
# Medicaid Justice Re-entry Stakeholder Workgroup Meeting Minutes

## November 6, 2024

- **Introductions and last meeting recap**
  - Meeting minutes from October 2, 2024 kickoff meeting found [here](#).
  
- **Program description**
  - The Medicaid justice benefit is a robust Medicaid package that will allow Medicaid coverage for all qualifying inmates 90 days prior to release.
  - Facilities can bill Medicaid for all qualifying services.
    - 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.
  
- **Goals**
  - Improve access to services and continuity of care.
  - Improve coordination and communication through re-entry.
  - Reduce mortality.
  - Reduce healthcare costs through emergency room diversion and inpatient stays.
  - Reduce rates of recidivism.
  - Improve community safety.
  
- **Program milestones**
  - Finalized implementation plan submitted to the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) on October 28, 2024.
    - CMS will take approximately 4-5 months to complete their review.
    - CMS approval is needed before “going live” with a carceral facility.
  - Utah Medicaid posting an RFP for external consultants to assist with implementation.
  - Federal grant opportunity (CMS):
    - CMS is awarding Medicaid agencies up to \$5 million in federal grant funds to be utilized for the development of operational capabilities that will allow for a successful implementation of justice-involved initiatives with no match required.
    - If awarded, Utah Medicaid intends on distributing the funds to non-federal correctional facilities across the state through an RFP process based on current readiness and ability to implement both now and in the future.

- The anticipated award date for the first of two cohorts: February 15, 2025.

- **Current status and proposed timeline**



- **Correctional Facility Readiness Assessment**

- Survey distributed to correctional facilities on December 2, 2024.
- Used to assess a facility's readiness to implement justice-involved program requirements.
  - Will be used as a collaborative tool designed to aid Medicaid in providing targeted assistance and trainings to facilities to meet requirements.
  - Medicaid will be offering DAILY TA support for facilities who are filling out the assessment.
- General components:
  - Medicaid enrollment/application process
  - 90-day pre-release eligibility and behavioral health screening
  - 90-day pre-release service delivery
  - Re-entry planning and coordination- care management role
  - Oversight and project management
  - Participating provider
- If points of contact have changed or have been updated, please email: [medicaidjusticewaiver@utah.gov](mailto:medicaidjusticewaiver@utah.gov)

- **Screening for Medicaid eligibility**

- Developing standardized process and pathway for required information to be submitted to DWS.
  - Exploring a centralized database to capture all correctional facility eligibility information.

- **Next Meeting:**

- December 4, 2024 @ 3 p.m., Seagull Room, Utah State Capitol

- Hybrid option will be provided via Google Meet and posted to the justice-involved webpage.
- **Action items**
  - Medicaid will verify the eligibility pathway for TAM members who are incarcerated.
    - Utah Medicaid is currently process mapping different eligibility pathways and will share when they become available.