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Targeted Adult Medicaid Program (TAM)

General Information

The Targeted Adult Medicaid program or TAM is a Medicaid program for certain population of adults focusing on individuals who are homeless, or having substance abuse or mental health problems.

- Once determined eligible for TAM, individuals will receive 12 months of continuous eligibility.
- Receives the Traditional benefits package with the exception of dental (emergency dental only).
- 19 and 20 year olds are eligible for EPSDT benefits.
- Benefits will be paid as 'fee for service' (ACO's to come at a later date).

Eligibility Criteria

Individuals must meet the following criteria to be eligible for TAM:

- Be between the age of 19 and 64
- U.S. citizen or qualified non-citizen
- Resident of Utah and not in a public institution
- Household income up to 5% FPL
 - \$53.00 for household size of 1
 - \$71.00 for household size of 2
- Ineligible for any other Medicaid program (with the exception of Medically Needy or Refugee Medicaid)
- Meet the criteria in one of the 'Coverage Groups'.

Coverage Groups

- **Chronically Homeless** – Is an individual who:
 - has a diagnosable substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability, post-traumatic stress disorder, cognitive impairments resulting from a brain injury, or chronic illness or disability and who:
 - is living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, in a safe haven, or an emergency shelter for at least 12 months, or on at least 4 separate occasions totaling at least 12 months in the last three years; OR
 - is currently living in supportive housing and has previously met the criteria in the definition above.
 - is living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven or in an emergency shelter for 6 months within a 12-month period, and has a diagnosable substance use disorder or serious mental illness; OR
 - is a victim of domestic violence who is residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven or in an emergency shelter.
- **Justice Involved** – Is an individual who is in need of substance use or mental health treatment and:

- is currently involved in a drug or mental health court;
 - is court ordered to receive substance abuse or mental health treatment through a district or tribal court;
 - has complied with and substantially completed a substance use disorder treatment program while incarcerated in jail or prison;
 - was discharged from the State Hospital and was admitted to the civil unit in connection with a criminal charge, or to the forensic unit due to a criminal offense, with which the individual was charged or convicted; or
 - on probation or parole with a serious mental illness or substance use disorder.
- **Individuals Needing Treatment** – Is an individual who:
 - was discharged from the State Hospital due to a civil commitment; OR
 - is currently receiving General Assistance from DWS and has been diagnosed with a substance use or a serious mental health disorder

Eligibility Process

Eligibility for the program is a 2 step process (Both steps must be completed to become eligible):

STEP 1: Financial Eligibility Determination – The process the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) uses to determine if an applicant meets income, residency, citizenship, etc., requirements. This requires a completed Medicaid application

- Applications will need to be submitted within 60 days of release/discharge for those individuals being released/discharged from the prison, jail or State Hospital. All others will need to meet a sub-group criteria described in step 2 when the application is submitted.

STEP 2: TAM Determination – The process which determines if an applicant meets the 'chronically homeless' 'justice involved' or 'needing treatment' criteria. Forms are completed by outside agencies with a working knowledge of the individual's circumstances. They should not be submitted by the applicant.

Miscellaneous

- Link to list of approved providers:
 - http://chip.health.utah.gov/Medicaidpolicy/Tables/Table_XVII_Targeted_Adult_Medicaid_(TAM)_Agencies.htm
- A specialized team at DWS will be handling and processing TAM applications and forms.
- Questions about approved provider list: wendyjones@utah.gov
- Application and review processes are the same as any other Medicaid program.
- Methods to send to DWS:
 - Scan and email: imagingops@utah.gov (preferred method)
 - Mail: P.O. Box 143245, SLC UT 84116
 - Fax: 877-313-4717