Medicaid Initiatives to Support Justice Involved Individuals

Direct Enrollment Unit
Ohio Department of Medicaid
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Policy Changes

Eligibility*

Offenders will now be potentially eligible for payment of certain claims; an individual is not an inmate of a public institution while admitted as an inpatient in a hospital or NF.

*These changes may be found in OAC 5160:1-1-03
Current Initiatives

• DRC In-Patient Hospitalization

• DYS Presumptive Eligibility

• DRC Pre-Release

In-patient Hospitalization Project

Purpose:
To have in-patient and associated professional services covered by Medicaid for incarcerated individuals who are admitted to the hospital for at least 24 hours.

Goals:
To shift the cost of in-patient and associated professional services from DRC to Medicaid (federal reimbursement)
Associated Professional Services

• Services related to the in-patient stay.

Example: John is incarcerated at Noble Correctional Institution. He is injured and must be taken to OSU hospital. John is admitted for over 24 hours. While hospitalized, John has blood tests, images taken, and is seen by a wound care specialist.

❖ These are all professional services that are related to John’s inpatient stay, but would bill separately for the services performed. These services would be covered.

Example (cont.)

John is discharged but must continue to see a wound care specialist and must also have additional imaging done in two weeks.

❖ These services would not be considered associated professional services and would not be covered by Medicaid.
DRC In-Patient Hospitalization

1. ODRC sends applications to ODM Direct Enrollment Unit for individuals who are admitted to a hospital for a period of at least 24 hours.
2. ODM Direct Enrollment Unit processes the application and maintains the case in their ODM caseload.
3. Eligibility for a full year, then PTR to determine if there is a need to keep on Medicaid.

DYS Presumptive Eligibility

Purpose:
To provide youth who are currently under DYS custody temporary Medicaid coverage upon release.

Goal:
- Youth have immediate access to medical treatment upon release
- Provide a continuum of health care
What is Presumptive Eligibility (PE)?

(OAC 5160:1-1-62)

• PE is time-limited medical assistance as a result of an initial, simplified determination of eligibility based on the individual’s self-declared statements

• To be eligible for PE, the individual must:
  ➢ Not have received PE in the previous 12 months (except that pregnant women can receive PE once per pregnancy)
  ➢ Be an Ohio resident
  ➢ Be a U.S. citizen or qualified non-citizen
  ➢ Meet the non-financial criteria for a Medicaid category

• Who can get PE coverage:
  All MAGI groups
  » Pregnant women
  » Children
  » Parent/Caretaker relatives
  » Adults

PE COVERAGE

➢ Coverage:
  » PE individuals are eligible for full Medicaid coverage

➢ Time Limits:
  » PE begins on the date an individual is determined to be presumptively eligible
  » PE ends on the earlier of:
    – The date the administrative agency determines that the individual is eligible or ineligible for ongoing medical assistance; or
    – If an application for ongoing medical assistance for the individual has not been filed, the last day of the month following the month in which the individual was determined to be presumptively eligible
PE Approved-What Happens Next?

- The QE will provide a 36 hours supply of medication or fill the number of days it would normally for medications
- PE recipients are not required to choose a managed care plan
- An application is required for ongoing Medicaid
  » QE is responsible for assisting individuals
  » May require applicant to submit additional verifications

Qualified Entities (QE’s) determine presumptive eligibility

Qualified Entities (QE’s) are the groups that are permitted to process presumptive eligibility, they include:

- County Job & Family Service Agencies
- Hospitals
- DYS
- Federally Qualified Health Care Centers (FQHC’s)
- FQHC Look-Alikes
Enrolling Youth into Medicaid

• DYS provisioned as a Qualified Entity to determine Presumptive Eligibility for children taken into their custody...OR...

• DYS submits an application to the ODM direct enrollment unit if a child is admitted to the hospital for more than 24 hours

Department of Youth Services (DYS)

• Children within a week of release from DYS custody are identified

• Child’s information is placed in the Presumptive Eligibility Portal by a DYS worker

• The Presumptive Eligibility Portal approves eligibility

• Approval letter is printed by DYS worker and given to child’s parole officer

• Child’s parole officer works with the family to complete full Medicaid application
DRC Pre-Release

Purpose:
To allow offenders at the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) to be eligible for Medicaid and Managed Care upon release.

Goals:
• Provide immediate access to medical treatment upon release
• Provide a continuum of health care and coordination of healthcare needs
• Reduce recidivism

Process Overview
1. ODRC pre-release interface with Ohio Benefits
   • Sends application information for offenders identified for release within 105 days

2. Direct Enrollment Unit processes applications
   • ODRC main office address for mailing address: 770 W. Broad Street
   • Physical address is where individual plans to reside upon release

3. ODM coordinates managed care enrollment, assuring care coordination, and transfer of case to residential county prior to month of release from incarceration
County Updates for DRC Cases: Individual Becomes Incarcerated

It is no longer necessary to suspend Medicaid for incarceration. Counties should follow the process found below:

- Individual becomes incarcerated
- County worker receives alert
- County changes living arrangement code to incarcerated
- Household Status?
  - Single
    - Transfer to ODM caseload
  - Part of Household
    - Change incarcerated individual’s status to permanently out of home, and re-explore eligibility for the entire household
- Consider TANF or SNAP

County Updates for DRC Cases: Individual is Released

- County receives DRC notification of release
- County performs upfront inquiry of case
- County makes appropriate changes to TANF and SNAP
- Open on Medicaid?
  - Yes
    - Incarcerated for less than 1 year?
      - Yes
        - Reinstate without application
      - No
        - Need application to determine eligibility
  - No
    - Suspended through RoMPIR?
      - Yes
        - ODM changes living arrangement and address
      - No
        - ODM transfers case to county

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County Jails

• There is no longer a prohibition of enrolling offenders into Medicaid
  ➢ Jails can work with their CDJFS to determine a process to submit applications for Medicaid
  ➢ Medicaid applications for offenders may be processed to pay for inpatient claims or to coordinate care upon release
  ➢ ODM Direct Enrollment Unit is not managing a county jail case load

Limited coverage vs. full coverage

• If individual is not being released but an application is submitted for a 24hr hospital stay, the Medicaid coverage would allow for Inpatient Hospital Services only.

• If individual is getting released and an application is submitted to facilitate care upon release, the Medicaid coverage would not be limited.
Scenario 1– Medicaid individual going into local or county jail - short term

Tony has been sentenced to 30 days in the county jail. To correctly update his case, the CDJFS needs to:
- Leave the case as is!!

Scenario 2– Medicaid individual going into local or county jail - long term

Betty receives a sentence of 5 months to be served at the local jail. To update her case, the CDJFS should:
- Update Betty’s living arrangement to ‘incarcerated’
- Re-run EDBC to give Betty a limited Medicaid benefit plan
- The county will keep Betty’s case in their case bank

Scenario 3– Individual applying from local jail – released soon

Mack is being released on November 16th from the county jail, and has submitted an application for Medicaid. CDJFS needs to:
- Process the application as usual
- Select ‘Independent’ as living arrangement
- EDBC should be run, giving the full benefit plan

Scenario 4– Individual applying from local jail – released in 5 months

Tori has submitted a Medicaid application on November 1st, but is not scheduled to be released from the county jail until April 2017. CDJFS needs to:
- Process the application based on the current situation
- Living arrangement should be ‘incarcerated’
- EDBC should be run, giving a limited benefit plan
- County will keep the case in their case bank, unless the individual is transferred to a DRC facility
- If person goes to DRC facility, county will transfer the case to the ODM case bank
Pickaway county’s experience with enrolling jailed individuals:

“We have seen a decrease with inmates returning due to drug usage. The individuals can get treatment once released from jail.” - Pickaway County Job and Family Services Program Manager

Q&A with Pickaway County

• What are your processes for communicating with county jails?
  “...we set up a meeting with the Sheriff’s office. Made a plan to make sure the inmates would be eligible for Medicaid upon release.”

• What are your best practices?
  “The sheriff’s office sends me a roster once a week with the inmates that will be eligible for release. I travel to the Sheriff’s office, have them complete a paper application, Once the application is completed, I come back to the agency and complete the process. Once I get them approved, I then email The contact worker at the Sheriff’s office will the billing number for the individual.”
Pickaway County Q&A (cont.)

• Are there any issues you’ve encountered? How have you overcome them?
  “I have not encountered any issues so far. We began this process at the beginning of this year. Seems to be going smoothly.”

• Any tips for other counties and jails trying to implement this new process?
  “Biggest tip I would say, communication between job and family service and your local sheriff’s office.”