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Attention All Providers: Invitation to Participate in New Initiatives to Assist with Correctional Facility Transitions to Community Settings

The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) would like to make Nevada Medicaid providers aware of two new initiatives focused on assisting certain individuals with transitioning from a correctional/carceral setting to their home or a community setting.

First initiative: Mandates of Section 5121 of the [Consolidated Appropriations Act \(CAA\) of 2023](#): Medicaid and CHIP Requirements for Health Screenings, Referrals, and Case Management Services for Eligible Juveniles in Public Institutions.

Beginning January 1, 2025, state Medicaid and CHIP programs will be required to provide certain physical and behavioral health screening and diagnostic services to “eligible juveniles” who are within 30 days of release from an institutional setting. Targeted case management services must also be provided for 30 days pre- and post-release. “Eligible juveniles” are Medicaid eligible individuals under age 21 and individuals between the ages of 18 and 26 who are eligible for Medicaid under the mandatory former foster care children group. Eligible juveniles must have been determined Medicaid eligible prior to incarceration or have become eligible during incarceration to meet the criteria for these provisions. Many of the components of this initiative are pending forthcoming guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Second initiative: Mandates of [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 389](#), passed during the 2023 Nevada Legislative Session.

The law permits DHCFP to partner with carceral facilities to provide additional certain incarcerated individuals with (1) case management, (2) consultation with providers of physical and behavioral health, (3) laboratory and radiology services, (4) prescription drugs, including, without limitation, medication-assisted treatment, and (5) services of a community health worker, not more than 90 days before scheduled release.

Next steps: DHCFP will be submitting a State Plan Amendment (SPA) as required by CMS to participate in these initiatives. Changes will also be made to applicable Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) chapters and the provider Billing Manual/Billing Guides, as needed, to align with the requirements. DHCFP is asking for the participation of Medicaid providers, community partners and carceral facilities throughout the process starting now through December 2025.

Stay informed: Nevada Medicaid would like to invite providers to follow developments and participate through implementation and beyond. Please consider joining the Nevada Medicaid Partners email list. Simply [click this link](#) and send the email. If you have trouble signing up, send an email to DHCFP Engagement at: CommunityAndProvider@dhcfp.nv.gov.

With your help, Nevada Medicaid can more effectively provide health insurance to this vulnerable population.