How Medicaid Enrollment of Inmates Facilitates Health Coverage After Release

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Overview

- Why care continuity matters
- The role of Medicaid in facilitating care continuity
- The ACA and the inmate population
- Examples of inmate Medicaid enrollment
The Opportunity for the Patient

- Hepatitis C
- Cancer
- High Blood Pressure

### The Opportunity for the Patient

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<th>Cirrhosis during incarceration, n (%)</th>
<th>All-cause cases (n = 699)</th>
<th>Controls (n = 699)</th>
<th>OR (95% CI)</th>
<th>P-value</th>
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<td>No</td>
<td>671 (96.0)</td>
<td>693 (99.1)</td>
<td>Reference</td>
<td>&lt;0.001</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>28 (4.0)</td>
<td>6 (0.9)</td>
<td>4.67 (1.93, 11.27)</td>
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<th>Hepatitis C, n (%)</th>
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<tr>
<td>No</td>
<td>484 (69.2)</td>
<td>561 (80.3)</td>
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<td>215 (30.8)</td>
<td>138 (19.7)</td>
<td>1.97 (1.51, 2.59)</td>
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The Opportunity for States

Primary Care → ↓ Hospital Stays? → Cost Savings?

Behavioral Health Care → ↓ Recidivism? → Cost Savings?
The Role of Medicaid Enrollment

Health Coverage + The Patient + Providers = Care Continuity

- Health Coverage
- The Patient
- Providers
- Case Mgmt
- Care Continuity
Optional ACA Medicaid Expansion

Pre-ACA

- Children
- Pregnant women
- Parents of dependent children
- Elderly and disabled adults

With Optional ACA Expansion

All individuals under 65 years of age with incomes below 138% of federal poverty level
Individuals who meet states’ Medicaid eligibility criteria “may be enrolled in the program before, during, and after the time in which they are held” in jail or prison.

~CMS (2004)
### Suspension v. Termination

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<th>Terminating Medicaid</th>
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<td>• Benefits resume upon reentry</td>
<td>• Need to process a new application upon reentry</td>
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<td>• Can bill for inpatient stays over 24 hours during incarceration without processing a new application</td>
<td>• Need to process a new application to bill for inpatient stays over 24 hours during incarceration</td>
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Selected Examples of State and Local Enrollment Action

- NM (New Mexico)
- WI (Wisconsin)
- OH (Ohio)
- MA (Massachusetts)
- Cook County, IL
- Bernalillo County
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Facilitating health coverage after release could benefit both patients and state budgets.

Incarceration status does not preclude Medicaid enrollment.

States don’t have to terminate Medicaid enrollment during incarceration.

There’s a variety of ways to facilitate Medicaid coverage after release.
State Prison Health Care Spending, Quality and Coordination

Presented by Matt McKillop at the 9th Academic and Health Policy Conference on Correctional Health

Thursday, March 17th
4:30-5:30 PM, Veterans Room