

Update: Medicaid for Justice Involved Individuals

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Update: Applications through Clinton County

- Clinton County reviews and processes applications for Non-MAGI (e.g., aged, blind, disabled) NYS DOCCS individuals Statewide, except for those who lived in NYC prior to incarceration.
- NYC HRA reviews and processes non-MAGI applications for those who lived in NYC prior to incarceration.

- Applications through OMH Discharge Planners:
 - Until Certified Application Counsellors (CACs) can support all State Correctional Facilities, Clinton County will support Medicaid enrollment for non-New York City districts.
 - NYC HRA will support applications for residents of New York City.

DOCCS Enrollment

- DOCCS has been assisting MAGI individuals (essentially those who are NOT aged, blind, or disabled) submit New York State of Health (NYSoH) applications since October 2014.
- Suspension and Reinstatement through NYSoH:
 - Certain individuals were not appearing on the suspension file SDOH sends to DOCCS.
 - Releasees were not having coverage “reinstated”.

- DOCCS made a file available of all individuals with suspended coverage who have been released.
- NYSoH will process this file and reinstate coverage for individuals who were not reinstated subsequent to release.
- Cumulative weekly suspension file will be sent to DOCCS on an interim basis starting next week.
- Fix for reinstatement is currently being tested. The testing should be completed by May 7 and then daily reinstatement can go “live”.

WMS Reinstatement

- Concerns have been expressed that reinstatement on WMS is not working or timely.
- SDOH will review a sample from the release file to verify the accuracy and timeliness of reinstatement.

Local Jails

- While NYSoH receives electronic notifications from DOCCS, there is no requirement for the local jails to report client-specific information to DCJS.
- Therefore, admission information is historically incomplete and NO discharge information is received from DCJS.
- The admission file is not yet being sent to NYSoH.
- Certified Application Counsellors are processing MAGI applications through NYSoH. The CACs must assist with reinstatement upon release.

Riker's Island

- Riker's Island currently sends both admission and release information to WMS.
- These files are not yet being sent to NYSoH.
- NYC HRA will process applications for individuals in Riker's until such time as a file exchange with NYSoH can be established.
- SDOH has partnered with the Center for Urban Community Services (CUCS) to pilot taking applications on NYSoH at Riker's.
- CACs must report release through NYSoH.

Active Coverage and Medicaid Cards

- Justice Involved Individuals who are in receipt of Medicaid are eligible for payment of inpatient hospital care off the grounds of the correctional facility.
- When an individual is released, they continue to have inpatient hospital coverage only.
- SDOH receives a release file from DOCCS the day following an individual's release.

- The system will then “batch” the changes overnight.
- CBIC cards are now being sent to NYSoH individuals.
- Such card will reflect inpatient coverage until the coverage has been “reinstated”.