

Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy (MIEP) – County Updates

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CCI Staff Summary

Materials:

- [Slide deck](#)
- [Recording](#)

Colorado's 1115 Demonstration Waiver

- Demonstration Waiver: state asking to waive federal rule to have more flexibility, expand eligible populations, access expansion, IF the state can show that it does not cost more money
- Criminal Justice Re-Entry is part of a larger strategy/discussion on Colorado's waivers
 - o Additional waivers being pursued on housing supports, nutrition supports, other continuous coverage populations
- In 2024, Colorado submitted a waiver for re-entry services for individuals departing state Department of Corrections (DOC) facilities
 - o Intent is to start here & expand into county jails
 - o State statutory goal to have in place for jails in July 2026
 - o Separated out between DOC & jails due to finance, operations, & contracting
- Federal government very clearly accepting waivers that allow for:
 - o Coverage 90 days prior to release
 - o All Medicaid eligible individuals
 - Estimate 80% of jail population
 - o Any local jail, Department Of Corrections (DOC), and Division of Youth Services (DYS)
 - o Services available – Medical Assisted Treatment (MAT), care coordination, physical/behavioral health assessments, 30 day supply of prescription(s) upon release

Jail Responsibilities

- Intend to make available for all jails – however, expecting that jail volume & required efforts, will not make sense for all jails – intending to allow local decision to participate
 - o HCPF gets to dictate what will be required of the jails that participate
- Readiness Assessments will occur, want to know the following – trying to get an understanding of who already fits these categories.
 - o Do you provide these services?
 - o Are you able to enroll individuals in Medicaid from the jail?
 - o Maintain quality oversight standards, required by Medicaid
- Not expecting Medicaid to cover entirety of program costs

Timeline

- April 1, 2025 – request federal authority for jail re-entry
 - o Going to need engagement from counties to plan for amendment that works for county jails
- July 1, 2026 – if granted federal authority, will begin to implement