



Community Reentry

Utilizing Medicaid 1115 Demonstrations to Navigate the Barriers of the Inmate Exclusion Policy and Improve Care Transitions for Justice-involved Populations

How can states **improve care transitions for justice-involved individuals**? Community reentry demonstrations provide a partial waiver of the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy (i.e., MIEP) and authorize federal Medicaid funding for pre-release services provided to incarcerated individuals. States can fund initiatives such as comprehensive **Medicaid outreach and enrollment** prior to release, enhanced **case management** surrounding the transition period and **behavioral health linkages** with community providers (*CMS State Medicaid Director Letter on Community Reentry, April 17, 2023*). These services are typically targeted to at-risk groups, including individuals with behavioral health needs and those with chronic physical health conditions.

What is the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy?

- From the establishment of Medicaid in 1965, federal law has prohibited Medicaid from paying for the care of incarcerated individuals, except for services rendered during inpatient stays in non-correctional medical facilities.
- In the early days of Medicaid, this policy had limited impact because Medicaid was not initially targeted to the predominantly adult male prison population, and because the prison population was much smaller. The growth of the prison system, combined with Medicaid expansion, have amplified the impact of the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy by limiting funding available to provide transition services for otherwise Medicaid-eligible populations reentering the community.
- The bipartisan 2018 SUPPORT Act signaled federal desire to improve continuity of care for justice-involved individuals, particularly those struggling with substance use disorder; CMS has since acted upon this federal mandate and begun to approve limited waivers of the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy.

How can A&M Help States Navigate the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy?

- Proven **record of helping states** assess program needs and successfully pursue Medicaid waivers, including 1115 demonstrations targeted to behavioral and physical health needs
- Robust **project management skills** to oversee the complex waiver application, implementation and compliance processes
- Prosci-certified **change management leaders** experienced in guiding system-wide transformation across agencies and stakeholders
- Deep understanding of **stakeholder engagement** best practices, supported by training in person-centered approaches
- Blend of **policy, data and finance expertise** that inform all analysis and guidance provided to states to achieve programmatic goals

Four Ways Community Reentry Demonstrations Are Effective

Community reentry demonstrations are a powerful tool to:



**Increase Coverage
Continuity**



**Improve Service
Access**








**Reduce
Morbidity/Mortality**

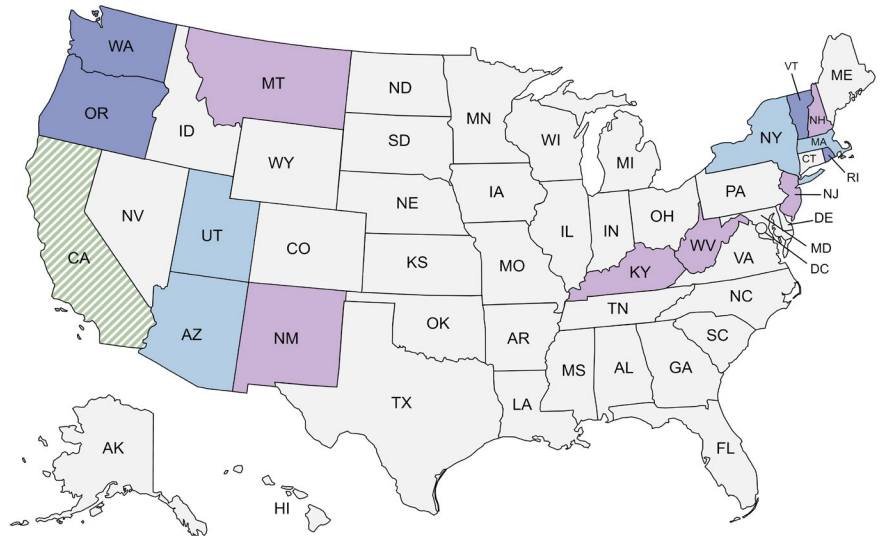


**Lower the Risk of
Relapse and Recidivism**
post-release and reentry

Which States are Pursuing Community Reentry Demonstrations?

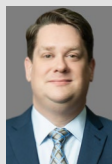
Eligibility Criteria for Inmate Inclusion

-  Approved, behavioral and/or physical health conditions
-  Pending, only specified behavior health conditions
-  Pending, behavioral and/or physical health conditions
-  Pending, all inmates
-  No community reentry demonstration pending



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