



Justice Center

THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

Supporting Young Adults in Reentry through Medicaid Funding

Discussion Panel

April 25, 2024

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The Council of State Governments Justice Center

We are a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that combines the power of a membership association, serving state officials in all three branches of government, with policy and research expertise to develop strategies that increase public safety and strengthen communities.

How We Work

- We bring people together
- We drive the criminal justice field forward with original research
- We build momentum for policy change
- We provide expert assistance

Our Goals

- Break the cycle of incarceration
- Advance health, opportunity, and equity
- Use data to improve safety and justice

Speakers

- Mike Brouwer, Criminal Justice Coordinator, Johnson County, KS
- Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian, Middlesex County Sheriff's Office, MA
- Madi Wachman, Director of Parent, Child and Family Services, MassHealth
- Sarah Wurzburg, Deputy Division Director, Behavioral Health, CSG Justice Center

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Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024 (CAA)

- Medicaid and CHIP Eligibility and Access
 - CAA legislation prevents termination of Medicaid due to incarceration, ensuring continuous care by January 2026
 - Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) is able to award \$113.5 million in planning grants to states
 - CMS will issue guidance on best practices and how to help promote continuity of care

Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 (CAA)

- Requirements under Sections 5121 and 5122
 - A Medicaid-eligible individual who is under 21 years of age
 - An individual between the ages of 18 and 26 who is eligible for Medicaid under the mandatory former foster care children group
 - Mandatory coverage of pre-release health services and 30+ days post-release case management
 - Optional coverage for youth with pending charges, encouraging early support

Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 (CAA)

- Implementation and Compliance
 - States encouraged to collaborate with carceral and community health providers to deliver required services
 - Enhanced federal financial participation (FFP) is available for IT system improvements to support data sharing and agency coordination
 - *Deadline:* States have until January 1, 2025, to implement the changes
 - Impacts juvenile and adult correctional facilities

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