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Improve Health Outcomes and Reduce Cost of Care for Justice-Involved Beneficiaries

Incarceration Intelligence

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IS MORE THAN JUST A NUMBER

In 2017, over 2.3 million individuals were incarcerated in U.S. state, local, and federal facilities. Compared to the general population, individuals in jails and prisons suffer 3x the rate of serious mental illness, 4x the rate of substance abuse disorders, and 4x the rate of active tuberculosis (TB), HIV infection, and Hepatitis C.[1] Many of those incarcerated require a variety of ongoing behavioral and physical health services, creating a critical need to facilitate the appropriate treatment program, funded by the appropriate authority. A common need within the Medicaid community is to strengthen continuity of care for incarcerated Medicaid recipients while also ensuring quality of care.

Our Solution

Improve Continuity, Quality, and Cost of Care
Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) across the country have a critical need to access timely incarceration data to help avoid gaps in care while beneficiaries are in the various stages of incarceration.

Equifax's Incarceration Intelligence solution gives MCOs access to reliable and near real-time pointer data, positively affecting continuity, quality and cost of care for incarcerated Medicaid beneficiaries. This is the only solution for Medicaid MCO operators and clinical care coordinators that addresses the unique needs of the justice-involved beneficiaries, providing pointer data and notifications relevant to social determinants of health, supporting health equity goals, and helping MCOs save time and resources for their investigations.

Ensure Better Healthcare and Societal Outcomes with Reliable Data
Medicaid coverage gaps stemming from a lack of access to national incarceration pointer data may result in detrimental societal and financial consequences, such as:
- Regression in beneficiaries' treatment progress
- Increased rates of recidivism
- Higher rates of emergency room use, death, and suicide
- Detrimental impact to public health and safety

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of all U.S. inmates meet medical criteria for substance abuse addiction.

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of state prisoners and 64% of jail inmates are affected by a mental health problem.[1] Only 11% receive any treatment. The cost of incarceration is 5X greater than the cost of substance abuse treatment.[2]

Key Features of Incarceration Intelligence

As the provider of the nation's most comprehensive incarceration pointer data, and as a tech industry leader with expertise in data integration, our value to Medicaid MCOs is clear.

Nationwide data coverage
We offer access to a nationwide incarceration pointer data network, notification options, and a team of experts to implement and support it.

Near real-time alerts
With our breadth of data and technical expertise, Medicaid MCOs can help address many of the challenges that coincide with incarcerated beneficiaries through near real-time alerts that allow MCOs to further investigate a beneficiary's status.

Improved internal efficiencies
Incarceration Intelligence eases the administrative burden on MCOs, enabling the establishment of internal process efficiencies, saving both time and resources.

Benefits for Managed Care Organizations

Incarceration Intelligence has the following benefits for Medicaid MCOs.

Lowering cost of care within your membership
Our data helps reduce cost of care for Medicaid beneficiaries by providing insight into the costly justice-involved population among your membership. Proactive outreach to members who have been recently incarcerated drives cost savings. When members are referred to appropriate primary care doctors for mental illness or substance use disorders, instead of showing up in emergency rooms, the cost of care is substantially reduced and recidivism can be prevented.

Improving quality of care within your membership
With Incarceration Intelligence, we help MCOs ensure justice-involved Medicaid members will experience improved quality of care and quality of life.

Increasing your competitiveness in the MCO market
Having access to pointer incarceration data can help differentiate your organization. It will help you meet requests for proposals (RFP) and state requirements to serve justice-involved individuals.

Medicaid Enrollee Incarceration Lifecycle

Accurate data and efficient processes ensure continuity of care

Re-entry

Monitoring beneficiaries at every stage of the incarceration lifecycle

Booking

Release

Incarceration Length of Stay

Booking
Coverage suspended/terminated to prevent improper payments

Incarceration
Care managed by jail/prison coordinated with primary care provider

Release
Onsite enrollment or reinstatement ensures continuous coverage

Post-Release
Ongoing healthcare treatment improves health outcomes, reduces recidivism

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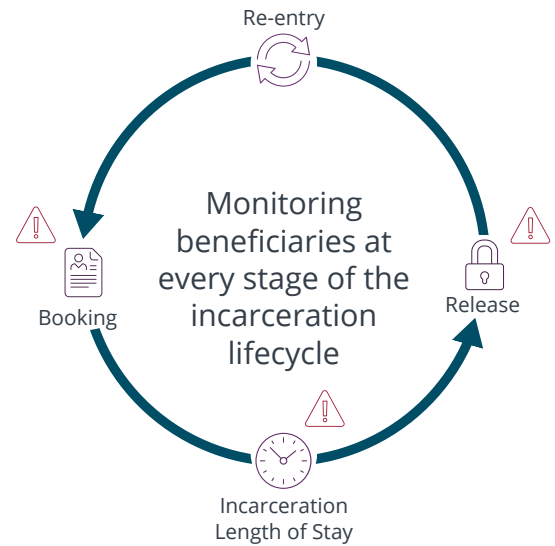
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FOOTNOTES

1 Medicaid and CHIP Learning Collaboratives, Medicaid and Justice-Involved Populations: Strategies to Increase Coverage and Care Coordination (2017).
2 Behind Bars II: Substance Abuse and America's Prison Population, CASAColumbia (2010).