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To: County Jail Commanders and Sheriffs

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Subject: New Medicaid eligibility process for county jail inmates

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) now has a new process to establish Medicaid coverage for potentially eligible inmates:

- During inpatient hospitalizations to help create savings in county correctional health care budgets; and
- Upon release from incarceration.

We are writing you to let you know more about this process and how your staff can get ready to follow it. .

Why is this happening?

Medicaid funding is generally not available for health care services provided to inmates of correctional facilities. However, federal regulations allow Medicaid coverage for inmates during inpatient hospitalizations that do not take place at the correctional facility. This means that these hospitalizations can be covered, partially or fully, by federal Medicaid funds.

We also want to help ensure uninterrupted health care coverage for Medicaid-eligible inmates, to the greatest extent possible, upon their release from incarceration.

What should you do?

Complete and return the [DMAP 3113](#) (Provider Enrollment Short Form) to 503-378-3074 (Salem) to request access to the Provider Web Portal at <https://www.or-medicaid.gov>. Once you have access to this system, you may follow these instructions:

- Identify inmates who are scheduled for inpatient hospitalization (lasting 24 hours or more), or release.
- Review their Medicaid eligibility using the Provider Web Portal.
- Notify DHS/OHA of eligible or potentially eligible inmates at hospitalization or release.
 - For potentially eligible inmates, ensure that an application for Medicaid coverage is submitted.
 - For inmates who need to return to jail after hospitalization, also notify of the return to jail.

For inmates under age 65, you will notify OHA. Please refer to our *Guide to Oregon Medicaid Eligibility Determinations for Inmates under Age 65* for specific contact information and instructions.

For inmates age 65 or over, you will notify the DHS Aging and People with Disabilities Division (APD). Please refer to our *Guide to Oregon Medicaid Eligibility Determinations for Inmates Ages 65 and Over* (available soon) for specific contact information and instructions.

Questions?

For more information, please refer to www.oregon.gov/OHA/healthplan/pages/inmate-project.aspx. This Web page will include the guides listed above, as well as the new fax cover sheet that will be required for all notifications you send to OHA as part of this process.

For specific questions about this process, contact Janna Starr at janna.starr@state.or.us or 503-947-1193; or Vonda Daniels at vonda.daniels@state.or.us or 541-690-6139.

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