

MEDICAID BENEFITS FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED MISSOURIANS

Missouri Leadership Academy Capstone Project
Class 17

Problem Statement

Justice-involved Missourians need a streamlined system for applying, renewing, and reactivating Medicaid benefits to improve health outcomes, increase financial stability, and reduce recidivism; leading to better quality of life.

Recommendations

To streamline the Medicaid enrollment process for incarcerated individuals, we recommend the following two solutions:

1. Benefit Coordinators



Benefit Coordinators would assist individuals with Medicaid applications as soon as they enter a correctional facility, track each person's Medicaid status, complete renewals as required, and ensure benefits are reactivated immediately upon release.

2. Shared Data Hub



A shared data hub would streamline communication and ensure Medicaid and other benefits are managed accurately throughout an individual's incarceration and release.

Goals

- **Medical Care:**
Provide coverage for the post-release population experiencing mental health and medical needs **(46%)**.
- **Decrease Medicaid Costs to DOC**
Over the past five years, DOC has had a potential **savings** of **\$1.2 million** in Medicaid Reimbursement. A streamlined process could increase that saving.



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