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Any New Mexico citizen leaving an institution is potentially eligible for Medicaid upon the completion of the enrollment process if they otherwise meet all eligibility conditions.

Individuals receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) in New Mexico are eligible for Medicaid. If their Medicaid is dependent upon receipt of SSI, eligibility for this must be first established.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Joint Memorial 19 contains no appropriation. There would, however, be a cost, based upon the number of individuals enrolled in the program. A determination of the number of individuals deinstitutionalized each year who were on Medicaid immediately prior to their institutionalization would be necessary but is not now currently available.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

It is unnecessary to have language that would enable citizens leaving institutions to be eligible for Medicaid upon completion of the enrollment process. Citizens are already eligible if they meet all conditions of eligibility.

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