



Corrections Medicaid Enrollment & Suspension

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Program Background

- ▶ Medicaid State Plan Amendment for presumptive eligibility – January 2014
- ▶ Short-Term Medicaid for Incarcerated Individuals (STMII) – implemented with NM Corrections Department in August 2014
- ▶ State law passed in early 2015; effective 7/1/15
- ▶ Goal to ensure Medicaid-eligible justice-involved individuals have timely access to health care services when released from prison or jail

Key Provisions



Incarceration shall not be a basis to terminate or deny eligibility for Medicaid.



An incarcerated individual not enrolled in Medicaid, may apply while incarcerated, or maintain a suspended status if enrolled.



Upon release, an individual shall remain eligible for Medicaid for continuity of treatment.



Program Implementation

- ▶ Pilot sites selected for rollout of legislation – June 2016
 - NM Corrections Department
 - Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC)
- ▶ Phased approach to statewide implementation
 - Five additional counties/agencies in September 2016
- ▶ Application Processing Unit established

Program Implementation

- ▶ Governmental agreements established with participating prisons and jails
- ▶ Participating prisons and jails required to share daily inmate booking and release information with HSD through a secured interface
- ▶ HSD shares Medicaid eligibility information with the prison/jail daily
- ▶ Medicaid benefits automatically reactivated when the inmate is released from prison/jail

IT Changes

- ▶ Implementation required changes to multiple IT systems:
 - ASPEN – Medicaid eligibility system
 - MMIS – Medicaid enrollment and claims information system
 - Prison/jail IT systems – not originally designed to interface with HSD IT systems
- ▶ Extensive testing done with each rollout
- ▶ Adding to system maintenance and operations – faster county rollouts going forward

Regulatory Changes

- ▶ Suspend Medicaid enrollee's benefits 30 days after incarceration without terminating eligibility
- ▶ Inmate may apply for or recertify Medicaid while incarcerated
- ▶ An inmate is not eligible for Medicaid-covered services
 - Exception for short-term inpatient hospital stays
- ▶ Excludes an inmate from the household if the inmate neither files a tax return nor is claimed as a tax dependent – must be living with other household members
 - Decision to apply household composition change at annual recertification, administrative renewal or auto-renewal

Program Numbers

- ▶ Currently participating counties/agencies:

Corrections Dept. (all facilities)	MDC – Bernalillo County
Children, Youth & Family Department juvenile justice facilities	Doña Ana County
Santa Fe County	Sandoval County
San Juan County (juvenile facility)	

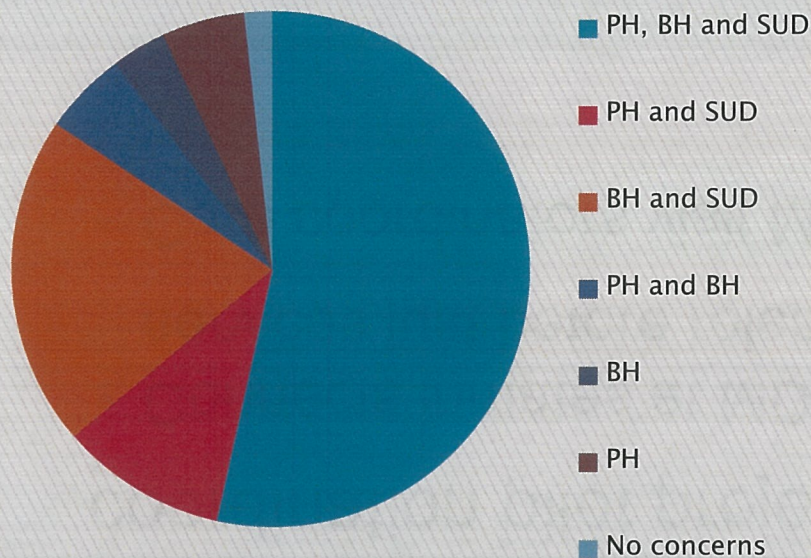
- ▶ 6,657 suspensions to date; 3,257 reinstatements
- ▶ \$7.6 million recouped from MCOs
- ▶ \$1.6 million inpatient hospital claims paid
- ▶ 1,248 PE determinations
- ▶ 4,145 ongoing applications filed

MDC/Molina Care Coordination Pilot

- ▶ June 2016 – HSD/Molina/MDC launched care coordination pilot project
 - Connects inmates at MDC with care coordination services just before release
 - Care coordinators visit MDC weekly

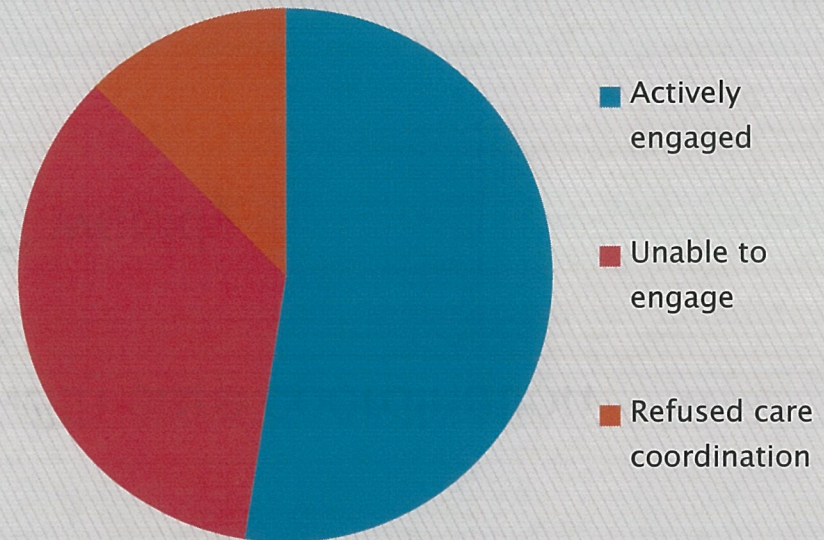
Initial Pilot Data

Self-Reported Health Concerns



More than 50% self-report having a PH, BH and substance use disorder

Care Coordination Post-Release



More than 50% actively engaged in care coordination post-release

Legend
PH - Physical Health
BH - Behavioral Health
SUD - Substance Use Disorder