

Subject MA coverage for prerelease care transition services

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Overview

This bill modifies medical assistance (MA) coverage for individuals while incarcerated, provides MA coverage for care transition services for incarcerated individuals, and requires the commissioner of human services to apply to the federal government for a section 1115 demonstration waiver to provide short-term MA enrollment assistance and prerelease coverage for care transition services to incarcerated individuals who are soon to be released from incarceration.

The Secretary of Health and Human Services has the authority, under section 1115 of the Social Security Act, to approve experimental, pilot, or demonstration projects that are likely to assist in promoting the objectives of the federal Medicaid program. The projects give states additional flexibility to design and improve their Medicaid programs and to evaluate state-specific approaches to serving Medicaid enrollees. Section 1115 demonstration waiver projects must be cost-neutral to the federal government.

Summary

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1	Persons detained by law.
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Amends § 256B.055, subd. 14. Modifies MA coverage for persons while incarcerated. Requires the commissioner to: (1) provide outreach, education, and enrollment support to each incarcerated individual who is not enrolled in MA; and (2) ensure that all incarcerated individuals who are eligible for MA are enrolled no later than 45 days prior to their expected release. Makes an individual who is an inmate of a public institution eligible for MA care transition services during the 30 days prior to the eligible incarcerated person's expected release date.

Makes this section effective 90 days following federal approval of the commissioner of human services' Medicaid Reentry Section 1115 Demonstration Opportunity

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waiver application. Requires the commissioner to notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval is obtained.

2 Care transition services for incarcerated individuals.

Amends § 256B.0625, by adding subd. 72. Adds care transition services for incarcerated individuals as a covered service under MA. Specifies eligibility criteria for care transition services for incarcerated individuals. Lists activities included in care transition services, including comprehensive assessments of physical and behavioral health needs and health-related social needs, prerelease treatment for infectious diseases, and prerelease behavioral health and preventative services.

Makes this section effective 90 days following federal approval of the commissioner of human services' Medicaid Reentry Section 1115 Demonstration Opportunity waiver application. Requires the commissioner to notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval is obtained.

3 Direction to commissioner of human services; Medicaid reentry section 1115 demonstration opportunity waiver.

Requires the commissioner of human services to apply to the federal government for a Medicaid reentry section 1115 demonstration opportunity waiver to provide short-term MA enrollment assistance and prerelease coverage for care transition services to incarcerated individuals who are soon to be released from incarceration, consistent with federal law and guidance. Specifies the services that must be included in the commissioner's application. Requires the commissioner to consult with the commissioner of corrections, sheriffs, lead agencies, and individuals with lived experience of incarceration when preparing the section 1115 demonstration waiver application.

Provides an immediate effective date.



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