

Wisconsin Medicaid Implementation of Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) Requirements for Incarcerated Youth

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Agenda and Goals

- Brief Overview of CAA
- Phased Approach Timeline
- Next Steps

CAA Background

The CAA (2023) introduced:

- Required updates to eligibility for youth with justice involvement
 - Medicaid eligibility should be suspended instead of terminated when a youth enters the justice system.
 - Wisconsin Medicaid is already in compliance with this requirement
- Required updates for states to provide services to eligible youth with justice involvement 30 days prior to release or within one week or as soon as practicable after release. Required Medicaid services include:
 - Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) health checks
 - Targeted case management (TCM)

CAA Background

Eligible population includes inmates of a public institution determined eligible for Medicaid prior to or during incarceration, in the following age groups:

- Members under 21
- Former foster care youth under 26 (aged out at age 18)

What is EPSDT?

- The purpose of EPSDT is to ensure that children receive early screenings and care, so that health problems are prevented or diagnosed and treated as early as possible. HealthCheck is the term used for EPSDT in Wisconsin.
- The HealthCheck benefit provides periodic, comprehensive health screening exams (also known as "well child checks"), as well as interperiodic screens, outreach and case management, and additional medically necessary services (referred to as HealthCheck "Other Services") for members under 21.
- When a screening examination indicates the need for further evaluation of an individual's health, diagnostic services must be provided and necessary referrals should be made, including follow up to ensure the member received them.

Included in EPSDT Screenings

- Comprehensive health and developmental history
- Comprehensive unclothed physical exam
- Appropriate immunizations (according to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices)
- Laboratory tests (including lead toxicity screening)
- Health Education (anticipatory guidance including child development, healthy lifestyles, and accident and disease prevention)

Included in EPSDT Screenings

- Dental screening (relief of pain and infections, restoration of teeth, maintenance of dental health)
- Vision screening (diagnosis and treatment for defects in vision, including glasses)
- Hearing screening (diagnosis and treatment for defects in hearing, including hearing aids)
- Mental health screenings
- Other diagnostic services and treatment

What is TCM?

- Case management services to assist members and, when appropriate, their families gain access to and coordinate a full array of services, including medical, social, educational, vocational, and other services.
- Per the CAA, targeted case management include referrals to the appropriate care and services available within the geographic region of the eligible juvenile's home or residence (where possible).

Timeline

- 1/1/2025 Allow existing EPSDT/TCM providers to render and bill services in a correctional facility
- 1/2025 Begin phase 2 work. Work with state carceral facilities to allow those facilities to render and bill for services

Next Steps

- Continue working with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, the Department of Children and Families, and the Division of Care and Treatment Services within DHS
- ForwardHealth Update for phase 1 will be sent out to providers later this year
 - ◆ Phase 2 will begin in 2025 with state carceral facilities and jails
- As we move through the other phases, additional communications will be sent out to providers

Questions?