

Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023

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- Medicaid requirement for at-risk youth who are inmates of public institutions.
- Section 1001 of the SUPPORT Act defines eligible juvenile as an individual who is under 21 years of age or individuals identified as former foster care up to age 26 years old.
- Sections 5121 and 5122 are service requirements under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (CAA)



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- **Section 5121**

- In the 30 days prior to release, or within one week or as soon as practicable after release, screenings, diagnostic services and immunizations in accordance with the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) requirements.
- Targeted case management (TCM) services for Medicaid in the 30 days prior to release and for at least 30 days following release for Medicaid. This includes referrals to appropriate care and services in the geographic region of the home or residence for the eligible juvenile, where feasible.

- **Section 5122**

- Connecticut will lift the Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) eligibility exclusions for children who are incarcerated and pending disposition of charges.
- States must ensure that all providers comply with Medicaid and CHIP provider participation and enrollment requirements.



Providers and Services

- JB-CSSD and DOC private providers will provide medical and EPSDT screening, assessment, and immunization services. This is for pre-trial (5122) and post-adjudicated (5121) youth.
- JB-CSSD juvenile private behavioral health providers will provide behavioral health screening, assessment, and skill-building for pre-trial youth (5122).
- JB-CSSD juvenile private behavioral health providers will be enrolled as a Behavioral Health Group depending upon the credentials of their licensed practitioners (e.g., LCSW group, Psychology group, Physician group, APRN group).



CAA, 2023 Next Steps

- DSS is working with CMS on approving state plan amendments
- DSS to continue to work provider enrollment, policies and rates
- DSS to continue to partners with state agencies involved this program
- CAA go-live for July 1, 2026



Justice-Involved Waiver



Connecticut's Waiver Application — Reentry Program

- Justice-Involved application submitted in March 2024 requesting waiver authority, via an amendment to the SUD 1115 Demonstration waiver, to design and implement a “Reentry Demonstration” that provides:
 - Medicaid coverage for eligible individuals in the state correctional system, including all correctional centers (jails and courthouses), and correctional institutions (prisons), and juvenile and community residential centers.
 - Eligible individuals include those with behavioral health needs, including mental health disorders and SUD, certain other health conditions, and detained youth.
 - Coverage period of up to **90 days** immediately prior to release from the correctional system.
 - An initial targeted benefit package to include case management services, medication-assisted treatment for SUD, a 30-day supply of medications upon release, and certain other supportive services being implemented in subsequent phase-ins.



Proposed Services

- **Three core services that must be operational at the start of the waiver:**
 - Transitional case management (pre-and post-release)
 - Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for substance use disorder
 - 30-day supply of medications upon release
- **Additional services to be implemented in subsequent phase-ins:**
 - Physical and behavioral health clinical consultation
 - Laboratory and radiology services
 - Services by community health workers, to the extent covered under the Medicaid State Plan, including those with lived experience
 - Family planning services, including contraceptives and other birth control
 - Other services such as medications and medication administration; screening for common health conditions, such as blood pressure, diabetes, hepatitis C, and HIV; rehabilitative or preventive services, including those provide by community health workers; treatment for hepatitis C; and health-related social needs such as housing supports.



Target Population

- **Youth**

- All detained youth (under age 19) who are Medicaid eligible-no demonstrated health care need is required

- **Adults**

- Medicaid eligible
- Mental Illness
- Substance Use Disorder
- Chronic Conditions/Significant Clinical Condition
- Intellectual or Developmental Disability
- Acquired Brain Injury, including Traumatic Brain Injury
- HIV/AIDS
- Pregnant/Postpartum



Justice-Involved Next Steps

- Connecticut is awaiting CMS approval to implement demonstration
- DSS will continue to partner with state agencies to work on implementation plan
- Connecticut's demonstration application can be found on CT-Justice-Involved-Waiver@ct.gov



Questions?

