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Medi-Cal Coverage for Justice-Involved Individuals

Dear providers,

On January 26, 2023, California became the first state in the nation approved to offer a targeted set of Medi-Cal services to youth and eligible adults in state prisons, county jails, and youth correctional facilities for up to 90 days prior to release.

You are receiving this notification because some members who may be assigned to you soon may be justice-involved individuals. These new members will have received some of these services:

- Re-entry case management services;
- Physical and behavioral health clinical consultation services;
- Laboratory and radiology services;
- Medications and medication administration;
- Medications for addiction treatment (MAT) for all U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved medications, Medication Services including medications clinically effective at treating substance use disorders outside of the FDA-approved indications, including coverage for medication-related counseling; and,
- Services provided by Community Health Workers and Medical Peer Support Specialists with lived experience.

In addition to the above pre-release services, qualifying Medi-Cal members receive covered outpatient prescribed medications and over-the-counter (OTC) drugs and durable medical equipment (DME) upon release, consistent with approved state plan coverage authority and policy.

Review APL 23-030 here:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2023/APL23-030.pdf>

Please direct questions to HPSM Provider Services at PSInquiries@hpsm.org.

Thank you,

The Health Plan of San Mateo