Eliminate the overuse of the criminal justice system and improve community health & safety

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Importance & Need for Healthcare Services

• Over 120,000 justice involved people in Colorado on any given day.

• Majority now have the ability to have health insurance through Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program).

• Providing health care, particularly behavioral health services, to justice involved individuals has been shown to reduce recidivism rates.
Importance & Need (cont.)

- People incarcerated in the Dept. of Corrections (FY2016) with a moderate to severe need:
  - Males: 36% medical, 35% mental & 73% substance use disorder
  - Females: 71% medical, 77% mental & 79% substance use disorder


- People released from incarceration are over 100 times more likely to die from an overdose within 2 weeks post-release than the general public.
Health First Colorado & Connect for Health Colorado 101

Health First Colorado
(Colorado’s Medicaid Program)

- Public health insurance program for low-income individuals
- Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF)
- Can enroll anytime
- Estimated 2/3 of justice involved population will be eligible

Connect for Health Colorado
(Marketplace)

- Marketplace to purchase private health insurance & apply for tax subsidy to help cover the cost of purchasing health insurance
- Can choose from a variety of health plans
- Open enrollment period or qualifying life event
Eligibility Depends on Income & Family Size

Health First Colorado
(Colorado’s Medicaid Program)
• Expanded to cover the vast majority of Coloradans up to 133% FPL (about $1350/month) for a single adult.

Connect for Health Colorado
(Marketplace)
• Private insurance, including tax subsidies to those up to 400% FPL (about $4000/month) for a single adult.

Family size is based on who you claim and how you file your taxes, not necessarily who lives with you.

If you are eligible for Health First Colorado, you cannot be eligible for tax credits to purchase private insurance.
Coverage Up to Age 26

Health First Colorado
(Colorado’s Medicaid Program)

- Former Foster Care
  - Eligible for individuals who were in foster care at ages 18 – 21 & enrolled in Health First Colorado
- No income test for eligibility

Connect for Health Colorado
(Marketplace)

- Plan must cover children (dependents)
- Children can join or remain on a parent's plan even if they are:
  - Married
  - Not living with their parents
  - Attending school
  - Not financially dependent on their parents
  - Eligible to enroll in their employer’s plan
Options for Pregnant Women & Children

Health First Colorado
(Colorado’s Medicaid Program)

- Pregnant Women
  Up to 195% FPL
  (about $1900/month)

- Children
  Up to 142% FPL
  (about $1400/month)

- Presumptive eligibility

CHP+
(Child Health Plan Plus)

- Up to 260% FPL
  (about $2500/month)

- Under the age of 19 or pregnant

- Enrollment fees and small co-pays may be required
Eligibility of Health Care Coverage for Justice Involved People
Most justice involved individuals will be eligible for coverage.

Clients are **NOT** eligible for coverage if they are considered an inmate of a public institution & are being held involuntarily.
## Eligibility during Pretrial Phase

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*The jail or prison facility is responsible for all health care services provided in-house. Health First Colorado can reimburse for medical care provided to an incarcerated person admitted as an inpatient in a hospital for at least 24 hours.*

**Private insurance *may* pay for inpatient or outpatient services received while someone is in jail pretrial as long as the person continues to pay premiums and receives treatment in-network.*
## Eligibility while Incarcerated

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**Marketplace enrollment must be discontinued within 30 days of being sentenced to a period of incarceration though people on work release may be able to continue private insurance coverage.
## Eligibility in Community

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- All residents of Community Corrections facilities in Colorado, except for Gateway: Through the Rockies in Colorado Springs, are eligible for Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program) as long as they meet the income requirement.
Eligibility Recap

• Most justice involved people will be eligible for some form of health care coverage as long as they meet the income requirement and their status in the criminal justice system allows them to qualify.

• If someone who has Health First Colorado begins to earn more money than the qualifying income level, they can become ineligible for coverage and will have to purchase private health insurance.
Health First Colorado Structure: Accessing Physical & Behavioral Health Care
Regional Organizations

Map showing regions with different health plans and access organizations.
Combined Physical & Behavioral Health

- One entity to connect with (RAEs)
- Allowed 6 behavioral health sessions/year without having a covered diagnosis
- Available in primary care & behavioral health settings
- More than 6 sessions will require covered diagnosis and medical necessity
- Each regional organization has a care coordinator specific for justice involved people
Sample of Medicaid Covered Benefits

- Dental Care – up to $1000
- Annual Physical Exam
- Immunizations & Vaccines
- Urgent Care Visits
- Outpatient Surgery
- Prescription Drugs
- Preventative & Wellness Services
- Chronic Disease Management
- Emergency Room Visits
- Transportation Services to/from appointments

Small co-pays may be required to receive some of these services
Covered Mental Health Benefits

- Inpatient hospital psychiatric care
- Outpatient hospital psychiatric services
- Psychiatrist services
- Individual and group therapy
- Medication management
- Case management services
- Emergency services
- Vocational services
- Clubhouse/drop-in centers
- Assertive Community Treatment
- Recovery services
- Respite services
- Prevention/early intervention activities
- School-based and day treatment services for children/youth

*Behavioral health services must be “medically necessary”*
Covered Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment Benefits

- Alcohol and/or drug assessments
- Social detox services
- Individual & Group Therapy – Outpatient
- Targeted Case Management
- Drug screening & monitoring
- Peer Advocate Services
- Medication Assisted Treatment

*Note: Residential SUD treatment is not a covered benefit*
Considerations & Resources
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• Begin asking justice involved people if they have health care coverage and a primary care provider on intake forms.

• Establish a process to help justice involved people get enrolled in health care coverage if your agency is not already doing so.

• Connect with your regional organization criminal justice care coordinator to help justice involved people find a primary care provider, dentist or behavioral health treatment.

• Have discussions with other criminal justice agencies, including jail administrators & pretrial services, to coordinate efforts.
Considerations (cont.)

- Educate justice involved individuals about what having health insurance means and how to access services.

- Maximize behavioral health care services through Health First Colorado so that your agency can better utilize other treatment resources such as Correctional Treatment Fund vouchers or Approved Treatment Providers to cover services that Health First Colorado may not provide.
Take Care Health Matters Campaign
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- Website
- Resource Guide
- Presentations & Trainings
- Client Level Materials
- Technical Assistance
- Advocacy & Support
Questions? Comments? Discussion?

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