

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

# GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

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Pursuant to  
Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-901.03

**To:** Nebraska Medicaid Managed Care Plans  
**From:** Drew Gonshorowski, Director *DG*  
**Date:** October 6, 2025  
**Re:** Medicaid Coverage for Limited Services to include Screening, Diagnostic, and Targeted Case Management Services for Incarcerated Youth and Young Adults

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This health plan advisory is being issued to notify the Heritage Health managed care plans of Medicaid services for youth and young adults in public institutions – **for dates of service on or after October 19, 2025.**

In accordance with [Section 5121](#) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) of 2023, Nebraska Medicaid will provide screenings, diagnostic services, and targeted case management to qualifying youth and young adults held in public institutions. Public institutions include state, local, and tribal facilities such as juvenile detention centers, adult jails and lockups, and correctional institutions.

## Who Qualifies

To qualify for the services, individuals must:

- Be under age 21 and enrolled in Nebraska Medicaid, **or** be between 18–26 years old and enrolled in Nebraska Medicaid as part of the [Former Foster Care \(FFC\)](#) group, **and**
- Be incarcerated in a public institution, adjudicated, and within 30 days of release into the community.

## Covered Services

Nebraska Medicaid will offer the following services to support transition and continuity of care for re-entry into the community.

### Services Covered During the 30-Day Pre-Release Period:

- Targeted case management (TCM): includes comprehensive needs assessments, creation of individualized care plans, coordination of services, and follow-up.
- Screening and diagnostic services: screenings for those under age 21 in accordance with the American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines that include medical, behavioral, dental, and vision screenings. Diagnostic testing is based on medical necessity.
- Immunizations: covered in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines.

### Services Covered During the 30-Day Post-Release Period:

- TCM: includes comprehensive needs assessments, creation of individualized care plans, coordination of services, and follow-up.

All services must be delivered by providers enrolled in the Medicaid program. Medicaid continues to be prohibited from paying for any other treatment or examination services while the individual remains incarcerated except for inpatient hospitalizations longer than 24 hours.

## Reimbursement

Select procedure codes will be reimbursable during the 30-day pre-release window. These codes are published in the public [fee schedule](#), titled “Justice Involved.” Medicaid providers must use their existing provider agreement and provider type to bill for the covered services outlined in the fee schedule. Reimbursement rates for these services will follow existing rates for the same services.

## Resources

To view the Medicaid provider rates and fee schedules, visit the following link:

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid-Provider-Rates-and-Fee-Schedules.aspx>

For more information regarding this advisory, please contact

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