



RETURNING TO THE COMMUNITY

Health Care After Incarceration
Resource Overview Webinar

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CMS OMH OVERVIEW



CMS Office of Minority Health

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is the largest provider of health insurance in the U.S., ensuring more than 160 million individuals through Medicare, Medicaid, Children’s Health Insurance Program, and the Health Insurance Marketplaces

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Office of Minority Health (CMS OMH) is one of eight offices of minority health within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. CMS OMH works with local and federal partners to eliminate health disparities while improving the health of all minority populations.

Our Mission : To lead the advancement and integration of health equity in the development, evaluation, and implementation of CMS’s policies, programs, and partnerships.

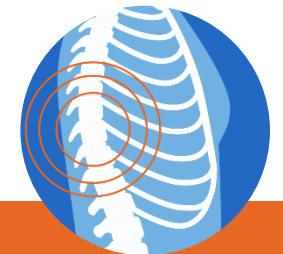
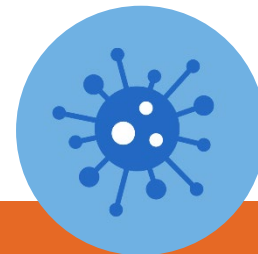
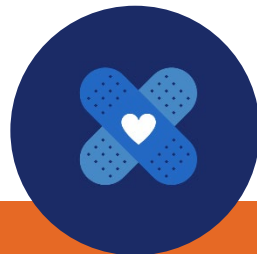
Our Vision: All those served by CMS have achieved their highest level of health and well-being, and we have eliminated disparities in health care access and quality.

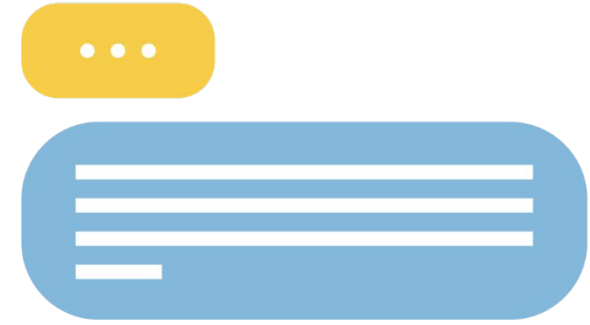


Coverage to Care



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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS (OJP) Overview



Office of Justice Programs

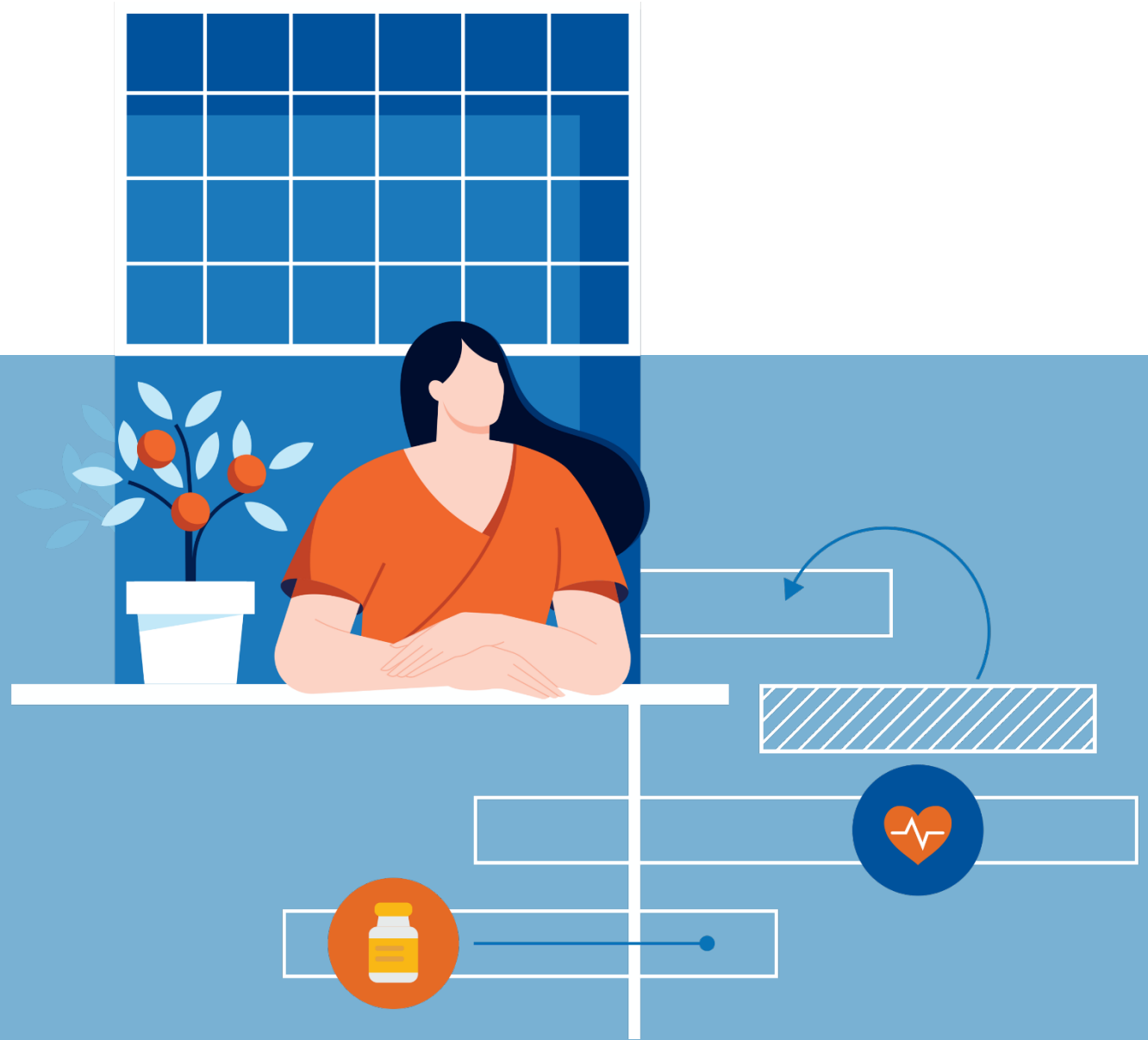
- DOJ's largest funding, research, and statistical component
- Leading source of federal funding for state, tribal, and local criminal and juvenile justice agencies
- 6 Program Offices – BJA, BJS, NIJ, OVC, OJJDP, SMART
- Mission: To provide resources, leadership, and solutions to advance community safety, build community trust, and strengthen the community's role as co-producer of safety and justice.
- OJP works to deliver on our mission through:
 - 1) advancing science and innovation
 - 2) grant funding, training and technical assistance, and other resources
 - 3) federal leadership and stakeholder engagement

CMS OMH-OJP Collaboration

- Individuals involved in the justice system:
 - have significantly higher rates of chronic conditions, including mental health and substance use disorders than the general population
 - have higher uninsured rates than the general population
- Reentry from incarceration to the community is a critical time:
 - elevated rates of overdose death within the first two weeks
- Evidence that access to services and health coverage can support successful reentry
 - Substance use treatment initiation prior to release and continuation during reentry reduces risk of death by up to 75%
 - Medicaid coverage upon release can reduce recidivism
- Unique considerations for individuals involved with the justice system



COVERAGE TO CARE (C2C) OVERVIEW



What is C2C?

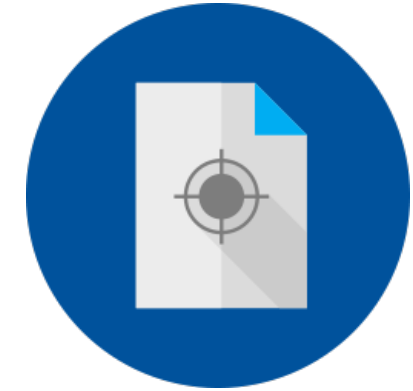
C2C aims to help individuals understand their health coverage and connect to primary care and the preventive services that are right for them, so they can live a long and healthy life.



Partner with C2C

There are multiple ways to partner with C2C:

- Review the C2C Partner Toolkit and share C2C information, tools, and more.
- Subscribe to our Coverage to Care listserv
- Order printed resources at no cost that you can share with your community
- Email CoveragetoCare@cms.hhs.gov with questions or to learn more about planning a Community Connections Tour event.



C2C Community Connections Tour





RETURNING TO COMMUNITY: HEALTH CARE AFTER INCARCERATION



Returning to Community: Health Care After Incarceration

This resource is designed to help these individuals:

- Take charge of their health and give them tips on how to speak up for their health care needs during and after incarceration
- Connect to free and affordable health care and other support services
- Find local programs, benefits, and people who can help them connect to resources and other supports



Step 1: Know Your Health Needs

KEY POINTS

There are questions about your current and past health that may help you understand your situation.

- Do I have any health issues, such as pain in my body, that a health care provider can help me with?
- Does diabetes, heart problems, weight issues, or using drugs or alcohol run in my family?
- Do I currently take any medications a provider prescribed to me and do I need a refill soon?

Taking care of your physical health, mental health, and addressing substance use concerns can help you:

- Deal with the stresses of life
- Have strong relationships

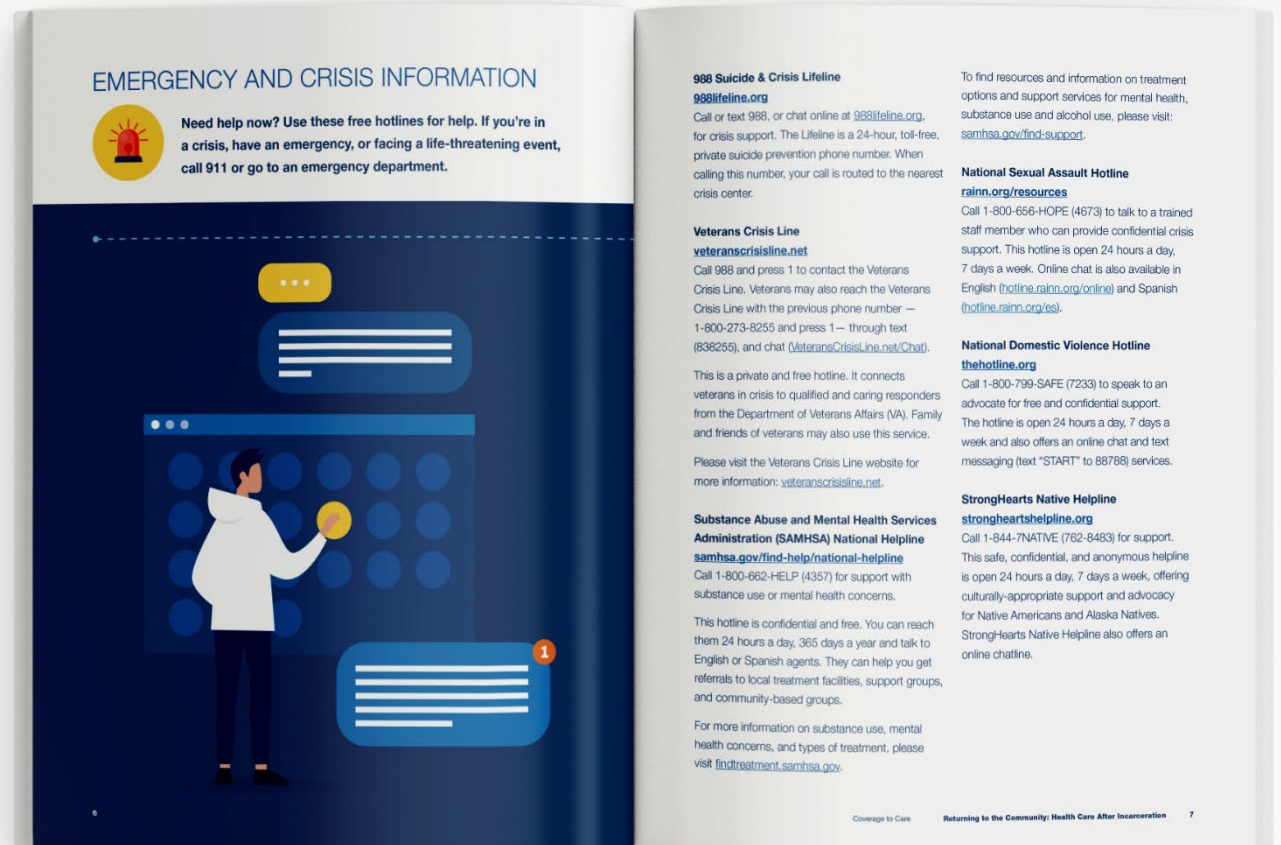


Step 1: Know Your Health Needs (cont.)

KEY POINTS

There are free hotlines available to help you.

- 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
- Veterans Crisis Line
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) National Helpline
- National Sexual Assault Hotline
- National Domestic Violence Hotline
- StrongHearts Native Helpline



Step 2: Things to Know

KEY POINTS

Prior to release, begin gathering the health information included in this checklist.

- Copies of my medical records, medical discharge paperwork, and transition documents
- List of current medications I need to continue after release
- Any health issues, questions, or concerns to discuss with my new provider, including care that I may have avoided or was delayed while I was incarcerated (e.g., dental cleanings)
- Contact information for the medical facility I visited before incarceration (if returning to same city/state)
- List of medical facilities in the city or state where I plan to live after I'm released
- List of cultural, ethnic, religious, or other groups that could help give me positive support and connection after my release, if I want this type of support



Step 2: Things to Know (cont.)

KEY POINTS

What should you think about?

- Who can help me connect with the places and services I need?
- What is my support network? Where will I be when I get out?

What are the questions to ask?

- Is an appointment already set up with my community health care provider?
- Can I use peer support specialists to help deal with any overwhelming needs after release?
- Do I meet the requirements for any Safety Net Programs

Learn about the people that can play a vital role in helping you reenter the community.



Step 3: Apply for Health Coverage

KEY POINTS

What are the options? How and where do I apply?

- Medicaid
- Medicare
- Medicare and Medicaid (also called Dual Eligible)
- HealthCare.gov
- Employer Based Insurance

Some groups of people or some life experiences might allow you to have other health coverage options.

- Veteran's Administration
- Indian Health Service
- Other Types of Help (SNAP, SSI, etc.)



Step 4: Use Your Health Coverage

KEY POINTS

Connect to peer support specialists.

Finding a primary health care provider.

- Private medical groups and practices
- Outpatient clinics
- Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Indian Health Service, Tribal, and Urban Indian Health Program facilities





Q&A Session

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