

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



PROPOSED CHANGES TO REGULATIONS.

Medicaid Coverage and Payment: Justice-Involved Youth.

- 7 AAC 105. Medicaid Provider and Recipient Participation.
- 7 AAC 110. Medicaid Coverage; Professional Services.
- 7 AAC 145. Medicaid Payment Rates.
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comment on these proposed changes.**

Notes to reader:

1. Except as discussed in note 2, new text that amends an existing regulation is **bolded and underlined**.
2. If the lead-in line above the text of each section of the regulations states that a new section, subsection, paragraph, or subparagraph is being added, or that an existing section, subsection, paragraph, or subparagraph is being repealed and readopted (replaced), *the new or replaced text is not bolded or underlined*.
3. [ALL-CAPS TEXT WITHIN BRACKETS] indicates text that is to be deleted.
4. When the word "including" is used, Alaska Statutes provide that it means "including, but not limited to."
5. Only the text that is being changed within a section of the current regulations is included in this draft. Refer to the text of that whole section, published in the current Alaska Administrative Code, to determine how a proposed change relates within the context of the whole section and the whole chapter.

Title 7. Health and Social Services.

Chapter 105. Medicaid Provider and Recipient Participation.

7 AAC 105.110(6) is amended to read:

(6) for a person who is in the custody of federal, state, or local law enforcement,

unless the person is

(A) an inpatient in a medical institution; or

(B) a justice-involved youth who is eligible for and receiving covered

services under 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(84)(D); [INCLUDING A JUVENILE IN A

DETENTION OR CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, EXCEPT AS AN INPATIENT IN A
MEDICAL INSTITUTION;]

(Eff. 2/1/2010, Register 193; am 10/1/2011, Register 199; am 5/11/2012, Register 202; am 9/20/2015, Register 215; am 5/1/2016, Register 218; am 7/25/2021, Register 239; am 3/3/2023, Register 245; am 5/19/2023, Register 246; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 47.05.010 AS 47.07.030 AS 47.07.040

Chapter 110. Medicaid Coverage; Professional Services.

7 AAC 110.200 is amended to read:

7 AAC 110.200. Purpose of EPSDT services. The department will pay for early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment (EPSDT) services provided to a recipient under 21 years of age or to a justice-involved youth described in 7 AAC 105.110(6)(B). If the recipient is a justice-involved youth, EPSDT services covered by Medicaid are limited to screening and diagnostic services under 7 AAC 110.850. EPSDT services include

(1) screening for physical, behavioral, vision, dental, and hearing needs that meet the requirements of 7 AAC 110.205; [AND]

(2) any necessary health care, diagnostic services, treatment, or other services that meet the requirements of 7 AAC 110.210; and [.]

(3) additional services if

(A) a provider identified in 7 AAC 110.205(a) determines them to be medically necessary; and

(B) they receive prior authorization from the department. (Eff. 2/1/2010,

Register 193; am 5/1/2016, Register 218; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 47.05.010 AS 47.07.030 AS 47.07.040

7 AAC 110 is amended by adding a new section to Article 17 to read:

7 AAC 110.605. Targeted case management for justice-involved youth. (a) To be eligible for payment under 7 AAC 105 - 7 AAC 160 for providing a targeted case management service to a justice-involved youth,

(1) a provider must be enrolled in accordance with 7 AAC 105.210, and must

provide documentation of at least one year of experience in

(A) effective work with individuals reentering the community from a public institution; the work must demonstrate the provider's ability to provide the core elements of case management, including

(i) comprehensive assessment and periodic reassessment of an individual's needs; and

(ii) developing, implementing, coordinating, and administering reassessment of an individualized service plan;

(B) coordinating and linking community medical, social, and other resources as required by the target population identified in (b) of this section; and

(C) working with the target population identified in (b) of this section; or

(2) the provider must be an employee of the state who provides case management within the Department of Corrections or Department of Family and Community Services.

(b) The department will pay a provider for a targeted case management service provided to a justice-involved youth under 7 AAC 105.110(6)(B) for

(1) up to 30 hours during the time period

(A) beginning 30 days before the recipient's release from incarceration as an inmate of a public institution; and

(B) ending 30 days after the recipient's release from incarceration as an inmate of a public institution; and

(2) additional hours if the department gives prior authorization based on medical justification submitted by the provider.

(c) A targeted case management service provided to a justice-involved youth may be

delivered by means of a telehealth modality under 7 AAC 110.620 - 7 AAC 110.639.

(d) A targeted case management service provided to a justice-involved youth may include

(1) comprehensive assessment and periodic reassessment of individual needs, to determine the need for a medical, educational, social, or other service;

(2) development and periodic revision of an individualized service plan based on the information collected through the assessment;

(3) referral and related activities, including

(A) scheduling appointments to help the eligible individual obtain needed services; and

(B) activities to help link the eligible individual with medical, social, and educational providers or other programs and services that may provide needed services to address identified needs and achieve goals specified in the service plan; or

(4) monitoring and follow-up activities, including activities and contacts that are necessary to ensure that the service plan is effectively implemented and adequately addresses the needs of the eligible individual during the covered period of the targeted case management service. (Eff. ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 47.05.010 AS 47.07.030 AS 47.07.040

7 AAC 110 is amended by adding new sections to read:

Article 22. Services for Justice-Involved Youth.

Section

850. Scope of screening and diagnostic services for justice-involved youth

855. Screening services for justice-involved youth

860. Covered diagnostic assessments for justice-involved youth

7 AAC 110.850. Scope of screening and diagnostic services for justice-involved youth. The department will pay for a screening or diagnostic service provided to a justice-involved youth within 30 days of the individual's release from incarceration as an inmate of a public institution or in the post-release period, as those periods are described in 42 U.S.C.

1396a(a)(84)(D)(i). In this section, a service may include

(1) a screening as set out under 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(84)(D)(i);

(2) a necessary diagnostic assessment that meets the requirements of 42 U.S.C.

1396a(a)(84)(D)(i); or

(3) an additional service if

(A) a provider identified in 7 AAC 110.205(a) that conducts covered screenings and assessments determines that the additional service is medically necessary; and

(B) the provider receives applicable prior authorization from the department. (Eff. ____/____/____, Register ____)

Authority: AS 47.05.010 AS 47.07.030 AS 47.07.040

7 AAC 110.855. Screening services for justice-involved youth. (a) To be covered under 7 AAC 105 - 7 AAC 160, a screening for a justice-involved youth must be performed by one or more of the providers enrolled under 7 AAC 110.205(a).

(b) To be covered under this section, a screening service may only be provided during the time period set out in 7 AAC 110.850.

(c) To be covered under 7 AAC 105 - 7 AAC 160, a screening for a justice-involved youth may include

(1) a comprehensive medical screening, including a behavioral health screening;

(2) a dental screening;

(3) a vision screening, including a screening that results in a referral to a vision care services provider upon release from a public institution; or

(4) a hearing screening and, if medically necessary, referral for diagnosis and treatment of a defect in hearing upon release from a public institution. (Eff. ____/____/____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 47.05.010 AS 47.07.030 AS 47.07.040

7 AAC 110.860. Covered diagnostic assessments for justice-involved youth. The department will pay for a diagnostic assessment recommended as a result of a screening provided to a justice-involved youth if that assessment is conducted as part of the mandatory services within the definition of "medical assistance" in 42 U.S.C. 1396d(a). (Eff. ____/____/____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 47.05.010 AS 47.07.030 AS 47.07.040

Chapter 145. Medicaid Payment Rates.

7 AAC 145 is amended by adding a new section to Article 3 to read:

7 AAC 145.295. Justice-involved youth targeted case management. (a) For justice-involved youth targeted case management provided under 7 AAC 110.605, the department will pay a unit of service at the lesser of the

(1) amount charged by the provider to the public; or

(2) the payment rate established in the department's *Chart of Justice-Involved Youth Targeted Case Management Services Rate*, adopted by reference in 7 AAC 160.900.

(b) The payment rate in the *Chart of Justice-Involved Youth Targeted Case Management Services Rate* will be re-established at least every four years using a modeled rate methodology that includes components for salaries, fringe benefits, and allowable indirect costs.

(c) Each July 1 that the payment rate in the *Chart of Justice-Involved Youth Targeted Case Management Services Rate* is not re-established under (b) of this section, the department will adjust the payment rate for inflation using the CMS Home Health Agency Market Basket in the most recent quarterly publication of the *S&P Global Market Intelligence Healthcare Cost Review* available 60 days before July 1. (Eff. ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 47.05.010 AS 47.07.030 AS 47.07.040

Chapter 160. Medicaid Program; General Provisions.

7 AAC 160.900(d) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(74) *Chart of Justice-Involved Youth Targeted Case Management Services Rate*, dated April 16, 2025.

(Eff. 2/1/2010, Register 193; am 8/25/2010, Register 195; am 12/1/2010, Register 196; am 1/1/2011, Register 196; am 1/15/2011, Register 197; am 2/9/2011, Register 197; am 3/1/2011, Register 197; am 10/1/2011, Register 199; am 12/1/2011, Register 200; am 1/26/2012, Register 201; am 3/8/2012, Register 201; am 4/1/2012, Register 201; add'l am 4/1/2012, Register 201; am 5/11/2012, Register 202; am 10/16/2012, Register 204; am 11/3/2012, Register 204; am 12/1/2012, Register 204; am 12/2/2012, Register 204; am 1/1/2013, Register 204; am 1/16/2013,

Register 205; am 7/1/2013, Register 206; add'l am 7/1/2013, Register 206; am 11/3/2013, Register 208; am 1/1/2014, Register 208; am 2/2/2014, Register 209; am 3/19/2014, Register 209; am 3/22/2014, Register 209; am 5/18/2014, Register 210; am 2/26/2015, Register 213; am 3/15/2015, Register 213; am 7/1/2015, Register 214; am 5/1/2016, Register 218; am 6/16/2016, Register 218; am 7/22/2017, Register 223; am 11/5/2017, Register 224; am 3/1/2018, Register 225; am 10/1/2018, Register 227; am 1/1/2019, Register 228; am 3/24/2019, Register 229; am 6/2/2019, Register 230; am 6/13/2019, Register 230; am 7/1/2019, Register 231; am 10/25/2019, Register 232; am 11/10/2019, Register 232; am 4/24/2020, Register 234; am 5/21/2020, Register 234; am 6/25/2020, Register 234; am 10/1/2020, Register 235; am 10/4/2020, Register 236; am 1/1/2021, Register 236; am 3/31/2021, Register 238; am 6/30/2021, Register 238; am 8/27/2021, Register 239; am 9/9/2021, Register 239; am 10/9/2021, Register 240; am 11/1/2021, Register 240; am 5/25/2022, Register 242; am 9/4/2022, Register 243; am 9/18/2022, Register 243; am 10/16/2022, Register 244; am 12/1/2022, Register 244; am 12/23/2022, Register 244; am 3/3/2023, Register 245; am 3/26/2023, Register 245; am 5/1/2023, Register 246; am 5/19/2023, Register 246; am 1/1/2024, Register 248; am 2/1/2024, Register 249; am 2/2/2024, Register 249; add'l am 2/2/2024, Register 249; am 3/1/2024, Register 249; am 11/8/2024, Register 252; am 1/5/2025, Register 253; am 5/25/2025, Register 254; am 8/9/2025, Register 255; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 47.05.010 AS 47.07.030 AS 47.07.085
AS 47.05.012 AS 47.07.040

((Publisher, please change the period at the end of 7 AAC 160.900(d)(73) to a semicolon.)))

The editor's note following 7 AAC 160.900 is changed by adding a new paragraph at the end to

read:

The *Chart of Justice-Involved Youth Targeted Case Management Services Rate* may be viewed at the agency's office at the State of Alaska, Department of Health, Division of Health Care Services, 4601 Business Park Blvd., Building K, Anchorage, AK 99503. The chart may also be viewed on the agency's Internet website at <https://extranet-sp.dhss.alaska.gov/hcs/medicaidalaska/Provider/Sites/FeeSchedule.html>.

7 AAC 160.990(b) is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

(112) "inmate of a public institution" has the meaning given in 42 C.F.R. 435.1010;

(113) "justice-involved youth" has the meaning given "eligible juvenile" in 42 U.S.C. 1396a(nn); for purposes of this paragraph, "juvenile" has the meaning given in 42 U.S.C. 1396a(nn). (Eff. 2/1/2010, Register 193; am 7/7/2010, Register 195; am 1/1/2011, Register 196; am 10/1/2011, Register 199; am 4/1/2012, Register 201; am 7/1/2013, Register 206; am 5/18/2014, Register 210; am 6/16/2016, Register 218; am 4/9/2017, Register 222; am 6/29/2017, Register 222; am 10/1/2018, Register 227; am 7/1/2019, Register 231; am 4/24/2020, Register 234; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

Authority: AS 47.05.010 AS 47.07.040 AS 47.07.055

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