

Seniors and People with Disabilities

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Topic: Medical Benefits

Subject: Susmention of SSI inmate cases

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seniors and People with Disabilities |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |

Message:

Senate Bill 913, which went into effect January 2006, directed the Department of Human Services to suspend medical benefits on any client with a severe mental illness who becomes incarcerated while receiving Medicaid. In order to comply with the requirements of the Bill, the Department created a process to suspend Medicaid for SSI inmates for up to 12 full calendar months. It has been a challenge for the Department and local jails to identify clients who would be affected by this Bill. In order to more effectively identify this population, DHS, in conjunction with local jails and the Department of Corrections, has been working on a data match project. The project will commence on October 20, 2007.

Department of Corrections and local jails who have established an interagency agreement with DHS, will begin sending inmate data to DHS twice a month. The inmate data will be sent via SFTP (Secure File Transfer Protocol) and matched against Client Information (CI) data and SDX (SSA information). A report will be generated on ViewDirect. Jails will only be sending data on inmates who are currently lodged at their facility. If the inmate has been released prior to the data being sent, the inmate's information will not be transferred.

The Fraud Investigation Unit at the Statewide Processing Center will be reviewing this report and taking the following actions:

- Any inmate who is determined to be receiving SSI and Medicaid will have their CMS case Susmended by the fraud unit. The case descriptor 913 will be added to the case. The local office and jail where the inmate is lodged will be notified

that the case has been susmended. A closing notice will be sent to the client's last known address. If the inmate is released within 12 full calendar months, the local office can reopen the case when the inmate is released.(OAR 461-135-0950). The 913 case descriptor should remain on the case. If the inmate is incarcerated for more than 12 months, the case will auto-close.

- PMDDT will be reviewing the View Direct list of incarcerated clients. If there is an inmate who has been receiving Presumptive Medicaid based on a severe mental illness, PMDDT will notify the fraud unit and the client will have their CMS case Susmended. The same process that will be used for SSI inmates will be used for PMDDT clients with a severe mental illness.
- OHP standard cases will be closed or the client will be removed from the case by the fraud unit. A notice of closure will be sent to the client.
- For all other cases, the fraud unit will notify the local office and the office will be responsible for taking action on the case. This includes Presumptive Medicaid cases where eligibility is not based on a severe mental illness.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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