

REINSTATING HEALTH BENEFITS FOLLOWING INCARCERATION



INTRO

The [Marketplace](#) is a great starting point to learn about and apply for benefits either before or upon release. Individuals can learn whether they qualify for Medicaid, research and purchase a private insurance plan, and connect with help locally through the site.



MONTHLY COSTS

Individuals may qualify for [lower costs](#) on monthly premiums and out-of-pocket costs—this will depend on household size and income when seeking coverage.



OPEN ENROLLMENT

There is a [60-day Special Enrollment Period](#) after leaving incarceration to sign up for private health coverage. After this 60-day period elapses, a person must wait until the next Marketplace [Open Enrollment Period](#). Individuals can enroll or change any time if they experience a life event that qualifies for a Special Enrollment Period.



SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD

In 2021, there is a Special Enrollment Period in Marketplace through August 15 due to COVID-19.

*In many states, Medicaid is interrupted during incarceration. Many jails and prisons have a release planning system that includes reinstatement of Medicaid.

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