



# Children's Coverage Technical Advisory Group



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## **Washington's Implementation Efforts for Section 5121 of the CAA, 2023**

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## **CHIP Project Officer Updates and Open Q &A**

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# Patient Access API Metrics Reporting Reminder



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# Patient Access API Reporting Reminder...

- The Interoperability and Prior Authorization final rule (89 FR 8758) requires annual reporting to ensure that beneficiaries have access to their health information.
- By March 31 of each year, states will report for the previous calendar year:
  - The total number of unique beneficiaries whose data are transferred via the Patient Access API to a health app designated by the beneficiary; and
  - The total number of unique beneficiaries whose data are transferred more than once via the Patient Access API to a health app designated by the beneficiary.

# Patient Access API Reporting Reminder

Please report:

- MCHIP FFS metrics along with Medicaid metrics at the state level to:  
[SMAEndpointDirectory@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:SMAEndpointDirectory@cms.hhs.gov) cc MES SO
- MCHIP managed care metrics along with Medicaid managed care metrics at the plan level in MCPAR
- SCHIP FFS metrics (at the state level) and SCHIP managed care metrics (at the plan level) to:  
[SMAEndpointDirectory@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:SMAEndpointDirectory@cms.hhs.gov) cc CHIP PO

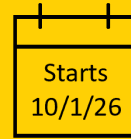


# Working Families Tax Cut Legislation Section 71109



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# Section 71109. Alien Medicaid Eligibility



**Restricts federal financial participation (FFP) for medical assistance (Medicaid) and child or pregnancy-related health assistance (CHIP) to the following groups:<sup>1</sup>**

- 1) U.S. citizens and U.S. nationals
- 2) Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs or "green card holders")
- 3) Cuban and Haitian entrants
- 4) Compacts of Free Association (COFA) migrants

**FFP limitations in section 71109 do not apply to expenditures for:<sup>2</sup>**

- 1) Emergency Medicaid authorized under section 1903(v)(2) of the Act<sup>3</sup>
- 2) Medicaid and CHIP coverage for lawfully residing children and pregnant women under "the CHIPRA 214 option" in states that have elected this option as authorized under section 1903(v)(4) of the Act<sup>4</sup>
- 3) State-designed Health Services Initiatives (HSIs) authorized under 2105(a)(1)(D)(ii) of the Act

**Applicable to all states, DC, and the territories**

**CMS continues to assess the implications of section 71109 and expects to issue future guidance.**

1. Adds new paragraph (5) to section 1903(v) of the Act and amends section 2107(e)(1) of the Act. Section 71109 does not amend the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA) (Public Law 104-193). See "Section 71109. Alien Medicaid Eligibility" on pages 10-11 of the CIB for more information.
2. Section 1903(v)(5) of the Act excepts sections 1903(v)(2) and (4) of the Act from the payment limitations. Section 2107(e)(1)(R) of the Act excepts section 2105(a)(1)(D)(ii) of the Act from the payment limitations. See "Section 71109. Alien Medicaid Eligibility" on pages 10-11 of the CIB for more information.
3. Sections 1903(v)(2) and (3) of the Act; 8 U.S.C. § 1611(b)(2)(A).
4. Section 214 of Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA) (Public Law 111-3).

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## Q & A...

Please contact your CHIP Project Officer if you have specific questions or require technical assistance



# CHIP Incarcerated Beneficiary Updates



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# CHIP Incarcerated Beneficiary Updates...

*Section 5121 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA), 2023:*

- As of August 2025, the CS31 CHIP Eligibility template is available in OneMAC. Please contact your CHIP Project Officer (PO) to receive guidance on how to transition your paper state plan SPA submission to the CS31, if interested.

# CHIP Incarcerated Beneficiary Updates

## *Section 205 of the CAA, 2024:*

- Effective January 1, 2026, states may no longer terminate targeted low-income pregnant women (TLIPW) in CHIP who become incarcerated. Instead, states may suspend their eligibility.
- CMS published a [CMCS Informational Bulletin](#) to highlight this statutory change on December 23, 2025.
- States that cover the TLIPW group in CHIP will need to submit a SPA to demonstrate compliance with this requirement.
  - CMS is updating the CS31 CHIP Eligibility template and CHIP POs will reach out to states when the template is available in OneMAC with additional guidance.



# Washington's Implementation Efforts for Section 5121 of the CAA, 2023



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# Section 5121 and 5122

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- ▶ Section 5121 requires a set of mandatory services for eligible juveniles, within 30 days of their scheduled date of release (post-adjudication)
- ▶ Section 5122 option to provide full Medicaid benefits for eligible juveniles who are pending disposition of charges (pre-adjudication).

# Operational implementation plan...

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- ▶ Identifying operational systems or manual processes for data sharing
- ▶ Collaboration and support procedures for eligibility, enrollment, notifications, and claims processing
- ▶ Support and documentation of service level process approach
- ▶ Building on Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) partnership

# Operational implementation plan

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- ▶ Staff-level discussions on impacted processes, policies and workflows for new provisions
- ▶ Review of provider and beneficiary level operational policies/workflows
- ▶ Ongoing outreach, training, education, and support
- ▶ SPA submission

# Implementation pathways

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- ▶ Facilities will implement individually or by participating in the Reentry Initiative (RI)

## State-wide implementation

- ▶ Eligible juveniles, per provision
- ▶ Implementation July 1, 2025
- ▶ HCA support as needed, facilities will:
  - Verify Medicaid eligibility and enrollment
  - Support Medicaid Applications
  - Create manual suspension for post-adjudicated (5121) eligible juveniles

## Reentry Initiative Implementation

- ▶ All eligible incarcerated individuals
- ▶ Cohort implementation July 2025
- ▶ CAA requirements included in Initiative
- ▶ Facilities may receive billing and technical assistance through Third Party Administrator

# Impacted facilities

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- ▶ Washington state impacted facilities include:
  - ▶ Juvenile Detention
  - ▶ Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) Juvenile Rehabilitation (JR)
  - ▶ Department of Corrections (DOC)
  - ▶ Jails

# Identifying challenges...

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- ▶ Facility participation
- ▶ Outreach and education
- ▶ Medicaid eligibility
  - ▶ System eligibility verification
  - ▶ Managed Care enrollment vs. Fee For Service (FFS)
  - ▶ Volunteer Assister certification
- ▶ Policy and language definitions
  - ▶ Language interpretation differences between Medicaid terms and facility staff terms
    - ▶ Pre and post adjudication
    - ▶ Eligibility
    - ▶ Enrollment
    - ▶ Defining eligible population

# Identifying challenges

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- ▶ Data Sharing
  - ▶ Sharing incarceration status and release date information with the Health Care Authority (the Medicaid agency) to suspend medical for individuals
- ▶ Provider Enrollment
  - ▶ Medicaid credentialed providers
  - ▶ Provider certification for appropriate services
- ▶ Navigating administrative and operational complexities for Medicaid reimbursements

# Implementation highlights

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- ▶ Meeting with all juvenile facilities
- ▶ Community engagement
- ▶ Data sharing agreements and leveraging automated processes
- ▶ Partnership with JR and DOC throughout waiver planning prior to provision requirements
- ▶ Utilizing facilities existing healthcare processes

# CHIP Project Officer Updates

*After a wonderful 35 years of federal service, Joyce Jordan has retired. Regions 1, 8, and 9 have been assigned new CHIP Project Officers as outlined below.*

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## Q & A

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# 2026 CCTAG Calls

Our next CCTAG call is scheduled for  
**Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 3 PM ET**



Questions regarding the CCTAG, including scheduling and other logistical needs should be directed to:

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