

Health Coverage & Justice-Involved Individuals



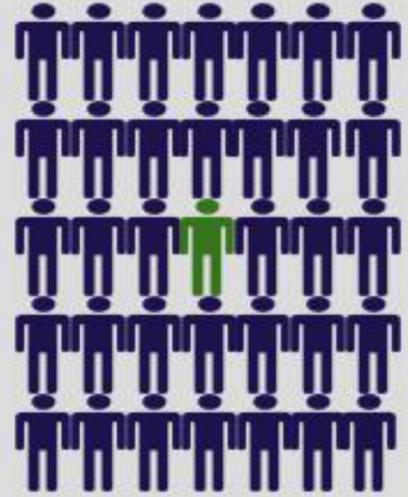
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States face considerable costs associated with the complex health needs of justice-involved individuals. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) offers new opportunities for this population.

\$7.7 billion

Amount states spent on correctional health care in FY2011*

1 in 35 adults in the U.S. are under some form of correctional supervision.**



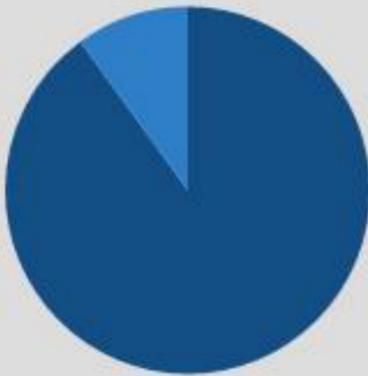
The rates of mental illness, substance abuse, and other health conditions are as much as 7x higher for criminal justice-involved individuals than the general population.***



Access to health care soon after release may improve health outcomes, reduce recidivism, and contribute to cost savings.****



Of the approximately 10 million individuals released annually from prisons or jails up to 90% lack health insurance.*****



■ Uninsured (90%) ■ Insured (10%)

Individuals are not permitted to receive Medicaid benefits while incarcerated, but enrollment processes can begin prior to release.

ACA offered health insurance options



Increased access to physical & behavioral health services



Promotes successful reentry



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