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# TAKE CARE UTAH: ENROLLMENT SERVICES WITHIN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

*From Utah Health Policy Project*



**UHPP**

Sustainable Health Care  
Solutions for Underserved  
Utahns



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# Utah Health Policy Project and Take Care Utah

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## WHAT WE DO

Utah Health Policy Project is a non-profit, non-partisan organization advancing sustainable health care solutions for underserved Utahns, through better access, education, and public policy.

Take Care Utah, a Utah Health Policy Project initiative, is a network of non-profit organizations all across Utah focused on helping people navigate the health care system

# OUR SERVICES

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**Public Education**



**1:1 Help with  
Health Insurance**



**Consumer Advocacy**

# Our Approach to Enrollment Assistance

Outreach with communities, state agencies, organizations to work with populations eligible for Medicaid

1:1 application assistance with eligible clients

Advocate for client through enrollment process, assist with any additional paperwork

Educate client on benefits, answer questions or help find a provider

# Program Focus Areas







**Criminal Justice**

**Behavioral Health**

**Families**

# 2022 Eligibility Guidelines

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>138%</u>	<u>150%</u>	<u>200%</u>	<u>250%</u>	<u>400%</u>
1	\$12,880	\$17,774	\$19,320	\$25,760	\$32,200	\$51,520
2	\$17,420	\$24,040	\$26,130	\$34,840	\$43,550	\$69,680
3	\$21,960	\$30,305	\$32,940	\$43,920	\$54,900	\$87,840
4	\$26,500	\$36,570	\$39,750	\$53,000	\$66,250	\$106,000
5	\$31,040	\$42,835	\$46,560	\$62,080	\$77,600	\$124,160
6	\$35,580	\$49,100	\$53,370	\$71,160	\$88,950	\$142,320
7	\$40,120	\$55,366	\$60,180	\$80,240	\$100,300	\$160,480
8	\$44,660	\$61,631	\$66,990	\$89,320	\$111,650	\$178,640

-  Eligible for Premium Assistance and Cost-Sharing Reduction in the ACA Marketplace
-  Maximum Eligibility for Medicaid Expansion
-  Eligible for \$0 Premium ACA Marketplace coverage (in 2021 and 2022)
-  Maximum eligibility for children 0-18 (CHIP)
-  Maximum eligibility for Cost Sharing Reduction in the Marketplace
-  Prior maximum eligibility for Premium Assistance Subsidies (**THIS CAP IS TEMPORARILY WAIVED**)

# Who is Eligible for Medicaid?

- Utah Residents
- Age 19 through 64
- U.S. citizen or legal resident
- Meet income requirements, which vary by household size:
- Income limit: 133% of FPL
  - HH 1 - \$1467
  - HH 2 - \$1982
  - HH 3 - \$2497

**Medicaid and CHIP are open for enrollment all year!**



## Eligibility Rules Vary Depending on the Medicaid Program

Targeted Adult Medicaid  
Spend-down  
Childrens Health Insurance Program  
Medicare-Medicaid Dual-Eligibles  
and so on  
reach out with specific questions!



## How to Qualify for TAM:

- Not be eligible for any other Medicaid program
- No income over 5% ( \$ 54) of the Federal Poverty Level
- No children or custody of children
- Meet qualifications for one of the TAM sub groups
- Referral form must be completed by an approved agency

## Importance of Targeted Adult Medicaid (TAM):

- Continuous coverage for 1 year
- Dental benefits **IF** in a substance use treatment program
- Fee for Service Model

# Why Medicaid Is Important

- If met with before release, there is less paperwork to fill out on release day
- The client will be able to access providers and prescriptions with 3-5 days of release when Medicaid is approved
- Will have help from an enrollment assister who can advocate for client and help access and understand resources
- No monthly premiums, no copays for visits or prescriptions (TAM)



# Our Criminal Justice Partners

- Utah State Prison
- Community Correctional Centers
- Salt Lake County Jail in partnership with Salt Lake Legal Defenders Association
- MAT Program at the Metro Jail
- Weber County Jail
- Cache Valley Jail
- Davis County Jail

# Enrollment Process with the State Prison

**During Receiving & Orientation, give out Medicaid Application**

**Once collected send to UHPP team to hold application until release**

**Attend Release Fair weekly to collect applications, answer questions, etc.**

**Start the case management process for enrollment process with weekly released individuals**

# Jail Enrollment

## Salt Lake Metro Jail

- Go to arraignment court to present on Medicaid
- Have clients sign list and pass out applications
- Go back through professional visiting to collect applications
- Submit to Department of Workforce Services (DWS) once released
- Start case management process with client

# Jail Enrollment

## Weber County Jail

- Weekly appointments through professional visiting to complete Medicaid application
- Collect application at weekly re entry fair
- Submit applications to Department of Workforce Services (DWS) once released
- Start case management process with client

**2,967 people reached at  
Criminal Justice partner  
sites**

**2,667 Medicaid  
applications submitted to  
DWS**

**2,181 people approved for  
Medicaid**

**Our Impact  
in 2021**

**2,040 TAM applications  
submitted**

**1,600 people enrolled  
into TAM**

**Our Impact  
in 2021**





**Any  
Questions?**

# Connect With Us



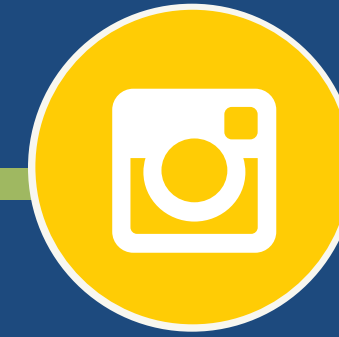
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