

Health Coverage Options for People in the Justice System

Illinois residents who are involved with the justice system may still qualify for health coverage through Medicaid or the Marketplace. Below are facts that may help determine what you are eligible for during this time.

When does my coverage begin if I enroll through a SEP?

Your coverage start date from SEP may vary depending on your situation. Some examples are below:

	MARKETPLACE	MEDICAID
GENERAL	Marketplace coverage is available for individuals who make more than \$16,245 a year or \$1,354 a month	To qualify for Medicaid, childless adults must make less than \$16,245 a year or \$1,354 a month.*
JAIL	A person who is in jail can enroll in health coverage through the Marketplace if he or she has not yet been found guilty. This is also known as pre-trial. But, a person who has been sentenced by a judge to serve their time in the jail is not eligible to apply for coverage until his or her release from jail. The application process to apply before a person's release may vary depending on the jail.	A person who is in jail can apply for Medicaid, but cannot receive health benefits until the time of his or her release. The application process before his or her release may vary depending on the jail.

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OUT ON BOND	A person who is out on bond can enroll in health coverage through the Marketplace.	A person who is out on bond can apply for Medicaid and receive health benefits once the application is approved.
PROBATION	A person who is on probation can enroll in health coverage through the Marketplace.	A person who is on probation can apply for Medicaid and receive health benefits once the application is approved.
PRISON	A person who is in prison cannot enroll in health coverage through the Marketplace until his or her release.	A person who is in prison can apply for Medicaid while incarcerated but cannot receive benefits until the time of his or her release from prison.
PAROLE	A person who is on parole can enroll in health coverage through the Marketplace.	A person who is on parole can apply for Medicaid and receive health benefits once the application is approved.

** If you cannot apply for Medicaid because of your immigration status, you may be able to enroll in a health plan through the Marketplace with financial help. Those who are undocumented can continue to get emergency care and non-emergency health care services at select community health centers. You can also buy coverage directly from insurance companies.*

