



Bridges to Success: Keystones of Health for Pennsylvania

This document summarizes information from a proposed five-year demonstration program. All content is preliminary and subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Transforming Medicaid to improve health outcomes in the Keystone State

- We want to create a Medicaid program that helps beneficiaries **get what they need to stay healthy**
- Introduce specific services to **beneficiaries who need it most**
- **Thank you for joining**, we look forward to hearing what you have to say

Focus Areas

- Reentry supports
- Housing supports
- Food & nutrition supports
- Continuous coverage under age six





Where we are born, live, learn, work, and play can affect our health and quality of life. Access to health care, healthy foods, and safe housing is important to our health. By supporting these social needs through Medicaid coverage, the demonstration helps Pennsylvania.

Having enough food

Being able to get to medical services

Having a safe and stable place to live



What are Health-Related Social Needs?

Reentry Potential Populations & Services

The goal of reentry supports is to **improve the transition** from correctional facilities to community living, fostering healthier outcomes.

POTENTIAL POPULATIONS

People preparing for release and following release who:

- Have a substance use disorder
- Have mental illness
- Need support with daily activities like getting dressed
- Have a chronic health condition
- Are pregnant or in the 12-month postpartum period

REENTRY SERVICES

1. Help beneficiaries get on Medicaid by the time of their release by suspending coverage instead of terminating it and helping people apply prior to release.
2. Connect beneficiaries to healthcare providers and community services through case management.
3. Provide Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for substance use disorder prior to release.
4. Provide 30-day supply of prescriptions on release.
5. Maintain coverage for at least a year after release.
6. Help finding and keeping housing.



Housing Potential Populations & Services

The goal of housing supports is to **ensure stable housing as a foundation for overall health and well-being.**



POTENTIAL POPULATIONS

People experiencing homelessness who:

- Have serious mental illness or a substance use disorder
- Have a chronic health condition
- Are pregnant or in the 12-month postpartum period
- Are identified for reentry supports, including those at risk of homelessness

HOUSING SERVICES

1. Connect people to existing housing supports and services.
2. Provide help during transitions with moving expenses and necessary household items like, pots and pans, furniture, and air conditioning units.
3. Provide short-term help paying rent.
4. Provide education and support to keep housing.

Food and Nutrition Potential Populations & Services

The goal of food and nutrition supports is to **enhance access to nutritious food, promoting better health for all.**

POTENTIAL POPULATIONS

People experiencing food insecurity or with a history of food insecurity who:

- Are pregnant or in the post-partum period (and their household)
- Have a diet-sensitive condition

FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES

1. Provide meals or groceries designed for specific dietary needs.
2. Delivery of groceries to support healthy pregnancies.
3. Provide personalized help connecting to, and applying for, other food resources like SNAP and WIC.



Multi-Year Continuous Coverage for Children Under Six Years of Age

The goal of multi-year continuous coverage for children under six years of age is to **lay a strong foundation for lifelong health by ensuring consistent access to healthcare during these crucial early years.**

- Children won't lose their Medicaid coverage for failure to submit forms or a change in household circumstances.
- This starts when a child first gets Medicaid coverage. It lasts until the end of the month when they turn six.



Additional Information and Resources

Please see the following for more information including details on providing feedback about the potential program.

Where you can find more information:

1115 DEMONSTRATION WEBSITE

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