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IHCP finalizes Presumptive Eligibility for Inmates process

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) has finalized the Presumptive Eligibility (PE) for Inmates process originally announced in *IHCP Bulletin BT201543*. This process allows Hospital Presumptive Eligibility (HPE) qualified providers (QPs) to enroll eligible inmates into the IHCP for temporary coverage of inpatient hospitalization services.

Updated PE application instructions

Effective immediately, the PE application process has been updated in Web interChange. When completing the PE application for incarcerated individuals, QPs should:

- Use the correctional facility's address and telephone number as the applicant's home address and telephone number.
- Select **Yes** in the *Currently Incarcerated?* field. A drop-down menu will appear that lists all eligible correctional facilities. To be on the list, the correctional facility must have a signed memorandum of understanding (MOU) or contract with the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA). Select the inmate's correctional facility from the drop-down menu. If the correctional facility does not appear on the list, select **Other – Facility Not Found**. Applications submitted with this selection will deny.
- Complete the rest of the application as currently instructed. If the incarcerated individual meets all the eligibility requirements, he or she will be enrolled under the PE aid category appropriate to his or her individual circumstances.

Figure 1 illustrates a portion of the PE Application Screen in Web interchange that includes these updates.

Figure 1 – PE Application Screen in Web interChange

Other Information

SSN:

Race: White Black Asian Indian Hispanic Other

Ethnicity: Hispanic Other ?

* Gender: Female Male

Marital Status: Married Single Separated Divorced Widowed Unknown

* Indiana Resident?: Yes No ?

* **Currently Incarcerated?** Yes No ?

* Pregnant?: Yes No

* Number of people in family: ?

* U.S. Citizen?: Yes No ?

* Family Income: Monthly Annually ?

Pending Indiana Application for Health Coverage? : Yes No ?

Health Insurance Coverage (if applicable)? : Yes No ?

Medicare (if applicable)? Yes No ?

* In Foster Care in Indiana on 18th birthday? Yes No ?

* Do you live with at least one child under 18 years of age and are you the main caretaker? Yes No ?

Select a Registered Facility...

- Branchville
- Chain O' Lakes
- Correctional Industrial
- Edinburgh
- Henryville
- Heritage Trail
- Indiana State Prison
- Indiana Women's Prison
- Indianapolis
- Spencer

Revised inmate eligibility and correctional facility qualifications

Effective September 1, 2015, the IHCP will broaden the eligibility parameters of the PE for Inmates process as follows:

- Currently, to enroll under the PE for Inmates process, incarcerated individuals must be an inmate from an Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) facility. Beginning September 1, inmates from county jails operating under a contract with the FSSA will also be eligible to enroll through the process. All other eligibility requirements apply to these individuals.
- Currently, IDOC facilities are the only qualifying correctional facilities. Beginning September 1, 2015, county jails will be considered qualifying correctional facilities when operating under a signed contract with the FSSA.

Coverage and reimbursement parameters remain unchanged

Incarcerated individuals enrolled under the PE for Inmates process will be placed into the aid category appropriate for their individual circumstances – there is no PE aid category specific to inmates. However, all services for individuals enrolled through this process are paid on a fee-for-service (FFS) basis, so no inmates will be assigned to the PE Adult aid category. Also, providers are reminded that incarcerated individuals enrolled through the PE process are eligible for authorized inpatient hospitalization services only, regardless of their PE aid category.

Inmates who qualify for inpatient hospitalization coverage will have PE status until the end of the month following the month in which PE coverage begins. These individuals must complete an *Indiana Application for Health Coverage* and be found eligible for full coverage to retain their inpatient benefits beyond that time. With an approved *Indiana Application for Health Coverage*, the inmate's eligibility is confirmed; however, a hospital should continue submitting claims for inpatient hospitalization services using the individual's "600" PE ID for up to 12 months or until the inmate's release. If the individual remains incarcerated beyond 12 months, he or she may reapply for coverage through the PE for Inmates process.



Services rendered to individuals enrolled under the PE for Inmates process will be reimbursed at 130% of FFS rates. Providers are reminded to always verify members' eligibility before rendering services. Eligibility can be verified using Web interChange or through one of the following Eligibility Verification System (EVS) options:

- Automated Voice Response System at 1-800-577-1278
- Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) 270/271 – Eligibility Benefit Transaction

Updated training materials will be available on the [Presumptive Eligibility for Inmates](#) web page at indianamedicaid.com. Additional questions or concerns can be addressed to PresumptiveEligibility@fssa.in.gov.

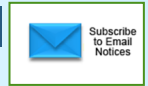
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