



Health Coverage Options for Justice-Involved People in Montana

Montana residents who are involved with the criminal justice system may still qualify for health coverage through Medicaid or the Marketplace. See the facts below.

2016 Eligibility Levels	MARKETPLACE	MEDICAID
JAIL	<p>A person in jail who has not yet been found guilty (also known as pre-trial) can enroll in health coverage through the Marketplace.</p> <p>A person in jail who has been sentenced can apply but is not eligible for coverage until released. Release from jail is a qualifying event to obtain health care coverage outside of the open enrollment period.</p>	<p>A person in jail can apply for Medicaid, but cannot receive health coverage until released, unless they are admitted to a hospital for more than 24 hours.</p>
OUT ON BOND	<p>A person out on bond can enroll in health coverage through the Marketplace.</p>	<p>A person out on bond can apply for Medicaid and receive health coverage if they meet all other eligibility criteria.</p>
PROBATION	<p>A person on probation can enroll in health coverage through the Marketplace.</p>	<p>A person on probation can apply for Medicaid and receive health coverage if they meet all other eligibility criteria.</p>
PRISON	<p>A person in prison can apply but cannot enroll in health coverage through the Marketplace until his/her release. Release from prison is a qualifying event to obtain health care coverage outside of the open enrollment period.</p>	<p>A person in prison can apply for Medicaid but cannot receive coverage until released, unless they are admitted to a hospital for more than 24 hours.</p>
PRE-RELEASE (State or Local Corrections)	<p>A person on pre-release can apply but cannot receive health coverage through the Marketplace until his/her release.</p>	<p>A person in a pre-release can apply for Medicaid and receive coverage if they meet all other eligibility criteria if the person is allowed</p>

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Related) Supervised Community Residential Facilities)	Release from pre-release is a qualifying event to obtain health care coverage outside of the open enrollment period.	to (1) work in the community (2) use community resources like libraries or grocery stores, and (3) get health care in the community—even if the residence is locked during certain hours and requires residents to sign in and out or avoid certain parts of town.
PAROLE	A person on parole can enroll in health coverage through the Marketplace during the usual open enrollment period or during the special enrollment period after their release from jail, pre-release or prison.	A person on parole can apply for Medicaid and receive health benefits once the application is approved.

Apply online at healthcare.gov or call 1-800-318-2596. You can also find local help filling out the application at <http://covermt.org/find-local-help/>