



**SENIOR & LONG TERM CARE DIVISION
COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU**

**HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED WAIVER
Policy Manual**

Section: ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICES

Subject: Attachment A, Public Institutions

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

Medicaid coverage is not available to inmates in public institutions. An inmate is someone who is involuntarily confined to a public institution, including individuals who are awaiting criminal proceedings, penal dispositions or other involuntary detainment determinations. An individual, who is voluntarily residing in a public institution, pending other arrangements, may be eligible for Medicaid. Individuals who are committed to Montana State Hospital or Montana Mental Health Nursing Center are not considered inmates, but are also not eligible for Medicaid coverage if over age 21 but not yet age 65.