



Provider Memorandum

ForwardHealth Topic #278 - Coverage for Persons Detained

As a reminder, Molina Healthcare of Wisconsin (Molina) follows ForwardHealth guidance for proper Medicaid coding and billing guidelines, including coverage for persons detained by legal process.

Per ForwardHealth Topic #278, individuals detained by legal process who are eligible for BadgerCare Plus or Wisconsin Medicaid benefits will have their eligibility suspended during their detention period. During the suspension, ForwardHealth will only cover inpatient services received while the member is outside of jail or prison for 24 hours or more. For more information on this topic, reference [ForwardHealth Topic #278](#) directly.

DHS recently reviewed enrollment of members who were incarcerated and found several members who remained enrolled in Medicaid and Medicaid SSI HMO plans and were not disenrolled following the established policy. Enrollment for the impacted members has since been updated, both on ForwardHealth and Molina systems. Impact to Molina members was extremely minimal; should you have any claims impacted by the eligibility change, you will be contacted directly by your Molina Provider Relations Manager and will have the opportunity to resubmit your claim to the State for fee-for-service reimbursement.

Both Molina and ForwardHealth will continue to enforce and abide by the coverage outlined in Topic #278 moving forward.

Questions?

We're here to help. Contact your Provider Relations Manager or email the Provider Network team at MHWIProviderNetworkManagement@MolinaHealthcare.com or visit MolinaHealthcare.com.

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