



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY**

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Dear Washington State carceral (incarceration) facilities:

SUBJECT: Invitation to participate in the Reentry Demonstration Initiative

The Reentry Demonstration Initiative (Reentry Initiative) is a new voluntary Apple Health (Medicaid) initiative under the Medicaid Transformation Project (MTP). It provides essential, pre-release services for individuals leaving incarceration. Incarcerated individuals who are eligible for Apple Health coverage will receive a set of services up to 90 days before their release.

We invite state prisons, city and county jails, Tribal jails, and youth correctional facilities to participate in the Reentry Initiative.

[Learn more about pre-release services](#), which are now reimbursable through Medicaid. These pre-release services support the costs of providing health care to incarcerated individuals and better support successful reentry to communities. Prior to this initiative, Medicaid could not cover and pay for services while a person was incarcerated.

Why participate?

At its core, this initiative aims to:

- Improve health outcomes and reduce recidivism (re-offense), emergency department visits, overdoses, and death.
- Support care management and substance use disorder treatment and recovery and target infectious diseases like Hepatitis C before a person's release.
- Stabilize and treat other conditions before a person's release, so they can reenter their community as healthy as possible.

Capacity funding available

The Health Care Authority (HCA) is authorized to provide a substantial amount of funding to help carceral facilities meet the requirements and support implementation of the initiative. [Learn more.](#)

What's next if my facility is interested?

If your facility wants to participate, please complete the attached [Intent to Participate form](#) and submit to HCAREentryDemonstrationProject@hca.wa.gov. The form confirms a facility's commitment and intent to participate in the Reentry Initiative. It also completes Milestone 1, which initiates funding.

Facilities choose when they want to participate.

The initiative will start at different times for participating facilities, depending on facility readiness. The first cohort (the first group of carceral facilities to implement) launches July 1, 2025.

If your facility wants to start receiving Medicaid reimbursement for eligible services on July 1, 2025, HCA should receive your facility's [Intent to Participate](#) by June 1, 2024.

Funding will then be available July 1, 2024.

Where can I find more information?

- [Our overview](#) shares information about the opportunity, deadlines, requirements, funding, and more.
- Join our **Q&A webinar** on [Monday, April 29 at 11 a.m.](#) Note: We'll record the webinar for those unable to attend and share the link on the [HCA website](#).
- Join HCA's **virtual office hours** on [Monday, May 13 at 11 a.m.](#) and [Thursday, May 23 at 11 a.m.](#) These are optional and available for anyone to ask questions.

On behalf of HCA and our state, thank you for taking the time to consider this opportunity. We hope you join us in implementing the Reentry Initiative and creating healthier outcomes for those leaving incarceration and reentering their community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charissa Fotinos MD, MSc".

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