



Justice-Involved Reentry Initiative

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Hello!



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Poll

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What is your level of knowledge of the Justice-Involved Reentry Initiative?

I've never heard of it

I have some knowledge

My knowledge is growing

I'm an expert!

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What entity do you represent?

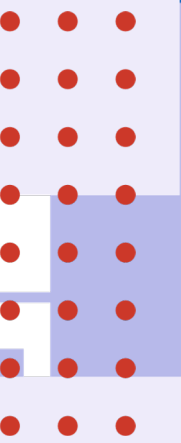
Correctional facility

Social services department

Behavioral health agency

Health and human services

Other (name in chat)

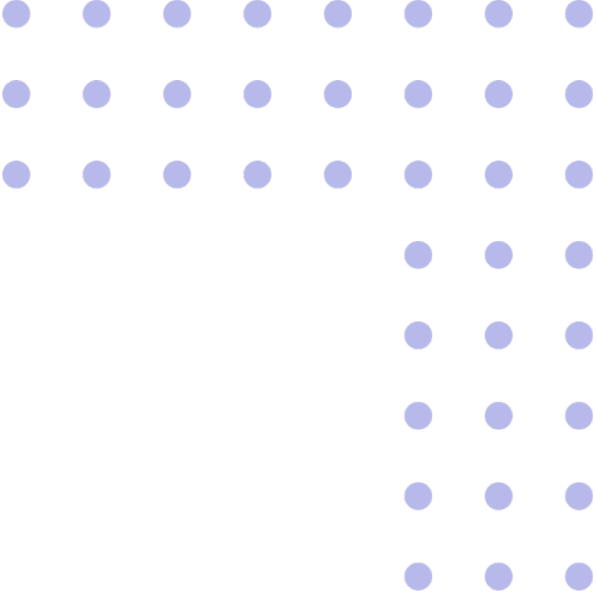


Meet Marcus

Marcus was recently released from a California State prison after serving for two years. He carries with him a lifetime of adversity: childhood trauma, a long-standing diagnosis of bipolar disorder, and a substance use disorder that began as a coping mechanism for unaddressed mental health challenges. Now back in the community, Marcus is experiencing a maze of challenges and barriers:

- **Health.** Untreated bipolar symptoms fluctuate daily. Chronic back pain worsens without care. He's unsure how to access consistent treatment.
- **Housing.** Unable to find housing, he spend nights on friends' couches or in overcrowded shelters. Landlords turn him away because of his criminal record, and he doesn't have the funds for move-in costs even if he could find a place.
- **Employment.** He is determined to find work, but every application feels like a dead end. He has no recent job history, limited computer skills, and no valid ID.
- **Social Supports.** His relationships with family are strained, and he's reluctant to reach out for help. Years of experiencing stigma, both in and out of the justice system, have made Marcus wary of institutions. He feels invisible and alone.





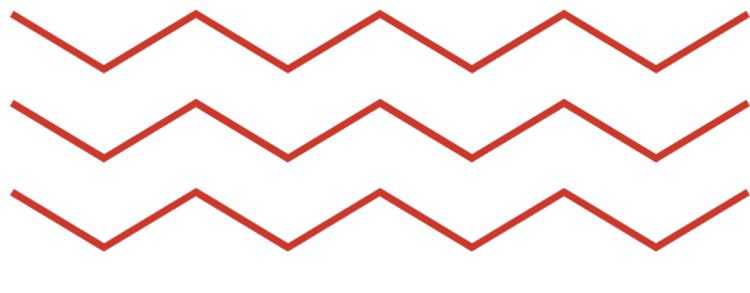
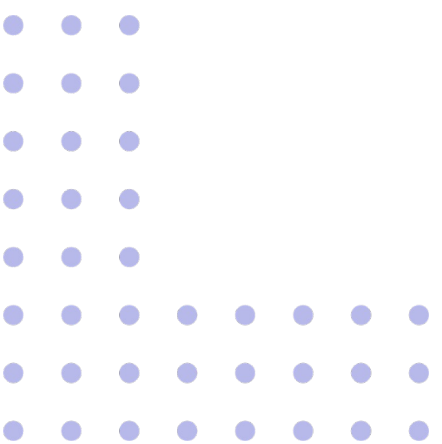
Agenda Review

1 Welcome and Introductions

2 Justice-Involved Reentry
Initiative Overview

3 Yuba County Implementation

4 Q&A





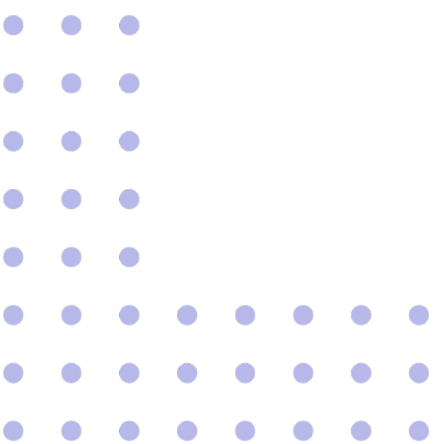
Learning Objectives

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Provide an overview of California's Justice-involved Initiative and the changing Medi-Cal landscape.

2

Discuss the roles and responsibilities of County partners to implement California's Justice-involved Initiative.



Justice-Involved Reentry Initiative

Overview



What is Medi-Cal Transformation (aka CalAIM)?



What is the Justice-Involved (JI) Reentry Initiative?

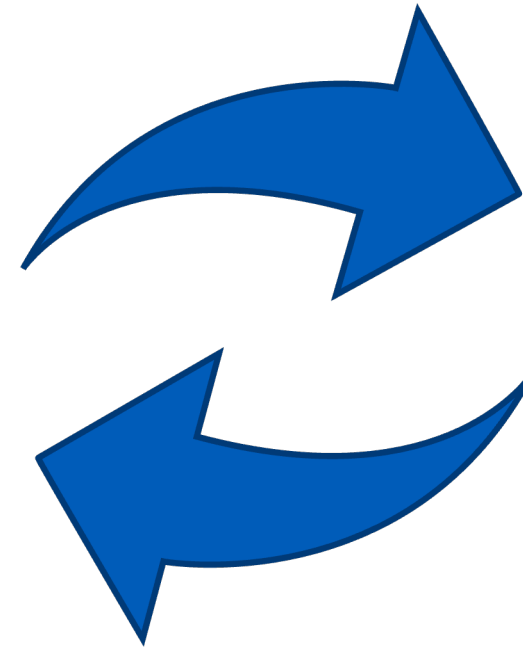


In 2023, California became the first state in the nation approved to offer a targeted set of Medicaid (Medi-Cal) services to youth and adults in state prisons, county jails, and youth detention facilities for up to 90 days prior to release. This was accomplished through a 5-year Medicaid 1115 demonstration waiver, which allows Medi-Cal to cover certain services provided to eligible individuals during detention.

How will Medi-Cal Change?

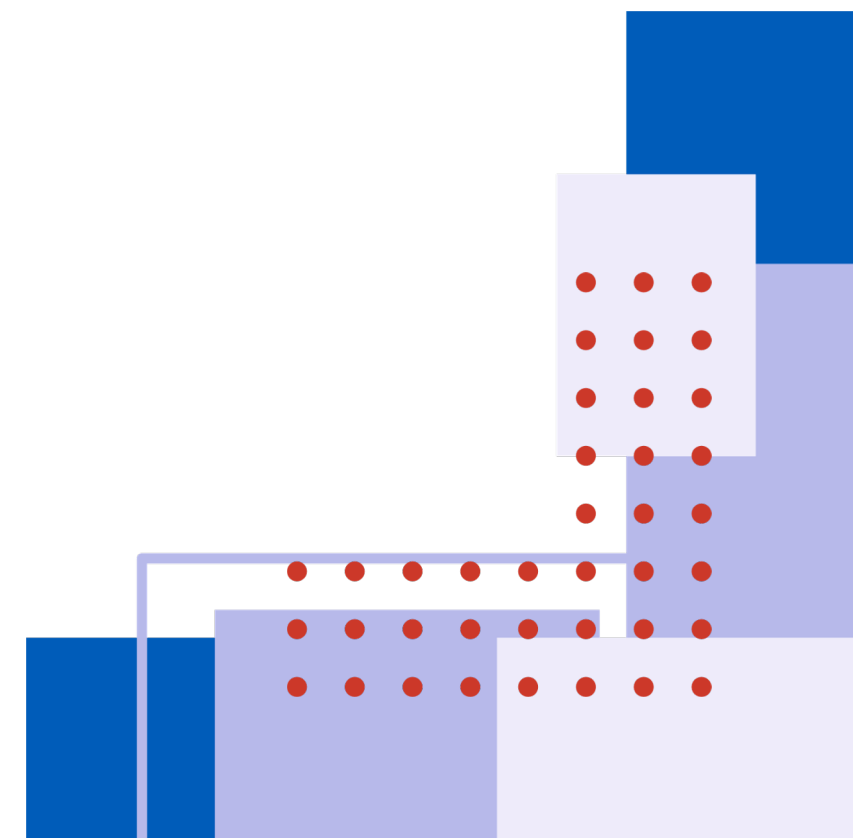
Medi-Cal

is being expanded to include
incarcerated/detained persons



Correctional Facilities

are being folded into the
public healthcare system as
Medi-Cal Providers



Why does the JI Reentry Initiative Matter?



High percentage of **mental health issues**



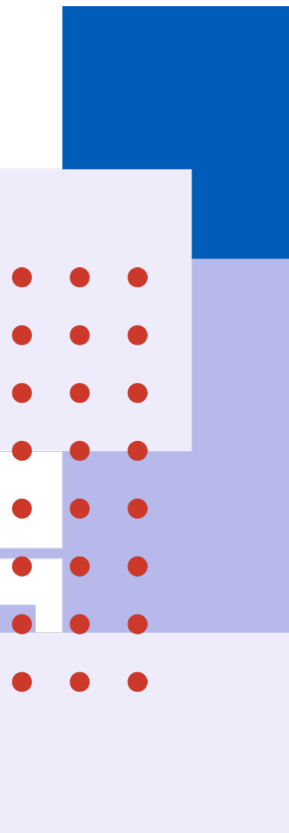
Moderate or high need for **substance use disorder** treatment



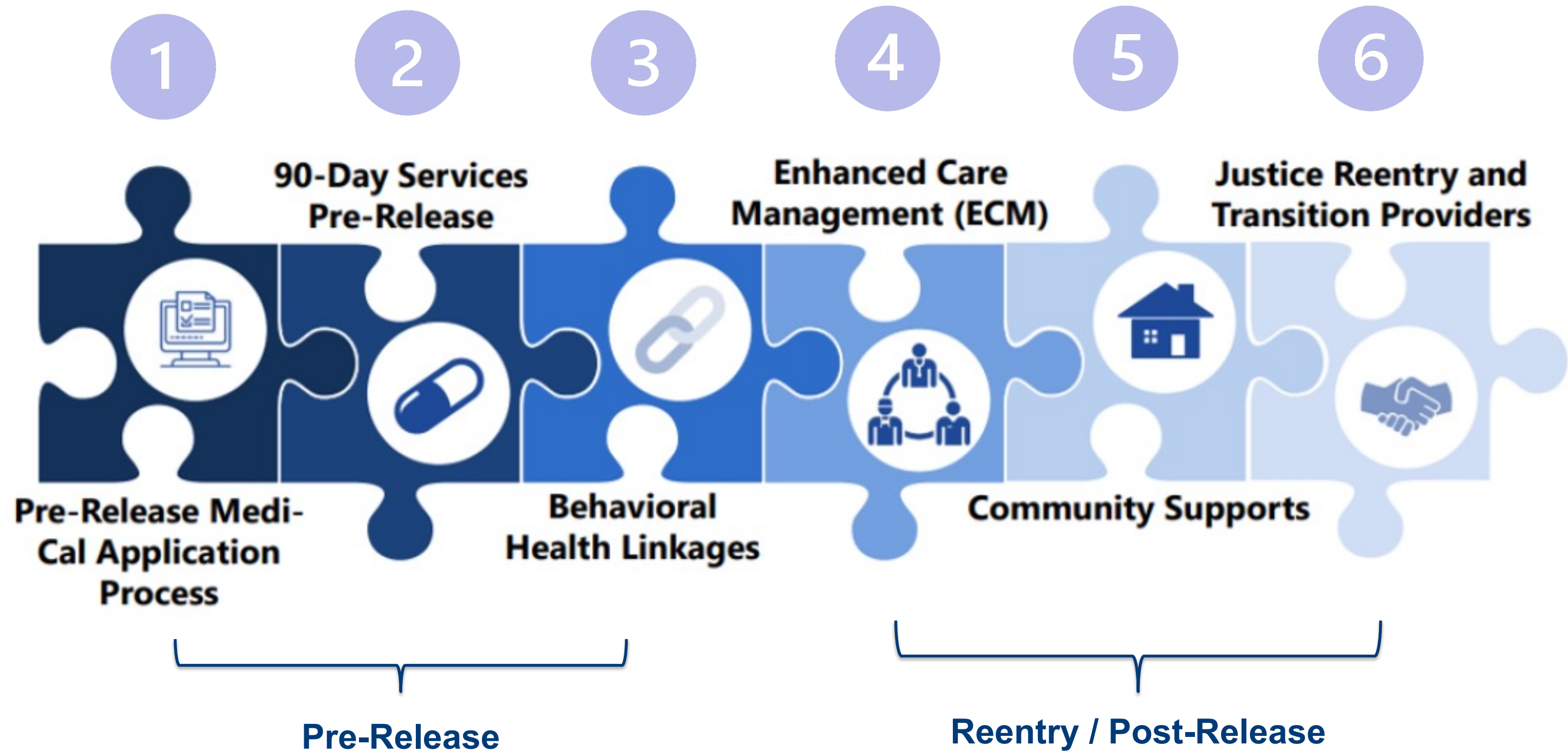
High drug **overdose** death rate



Inequitable incarceration of Black men



Justice-Involved Reentry Initiative Components



1 Pre-Release Medi-Cal Application Process Mandate

Medi-Cal Suspension

- Maintain Medi-Cal enrollment
- Suspend after 28 days

Medi-Cal Reactivation

- Unsuspend Medi-Cal within 1 business day of release

Medi-Cal Application Assistance

- If necessary, support individuals to apply for Medi-Cal

Responsible Parties

- Correctional Facilities
- Social Services Departments

WHY THIS MATTERS

Individuals must be enrolled in Medi-Cal to receive Medi-Cal benefits.

AS OF 11/1/25

23,000+

new Medi-Cal applications processed for eligible individuals in county jails and youth correctional facilities

2 90-Day Pre-Release Services

Medi-Cal covered

The following slides will address:

Where are pre-release services offered?

Who is eligible to receive pre-release services?

What pre-release services are offered?

When are pre-release services offered?

Responsible Parties

- Correctional Facilities
- Contractors/Partners

WHY THIS MATTERS

Provision of Medi-Cal-covered pre-release services depends on location, eligibility, service type, and activation of coverage.

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Where are Pre-Release Services Offered?



Must be Offered In:

- State Prisons
- County Adults Correctional Facilities, including Jails
- County Youth Detention Facilities



Not Offered In:

- Federal Prisons
(including individuals housed in County facilities serving federal time)
- Department of State Hospital facilities
- City Jails

2 Who is Eligible for Pre-Release Services?



- State Prison
- County Jail

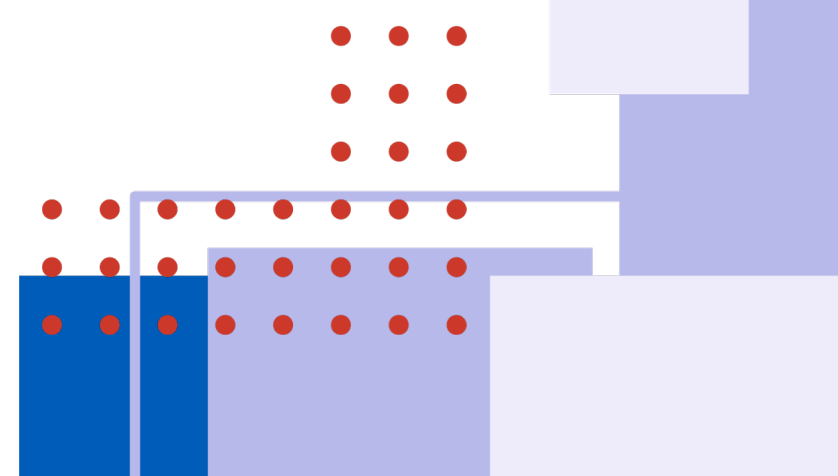


- Mental Illness
- Substance Use Disorder (SUD)
- Chronic Condition/Significant Clinical Condition
- Intellectual or Developmental Disability (I/DD)
- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency (HIV/AIDS)
- Pregnant or Postpartum

SINCE EARLY 2026

34,956

individuals screened and identified as eligible for pre-release services



2 What Pre-Release Services are Offered?



Pre-release care management



Physical and behavioral health clinical consultation



MAT / Medications for SUD

All FDA-approved medications



Behavioral Health Links



Laboratory and radiology services



Medications and medication administration



Screening and diagnostic services



Community Health Worker (CHW) services



Peer Support Services (PSS)



Services provided upon release

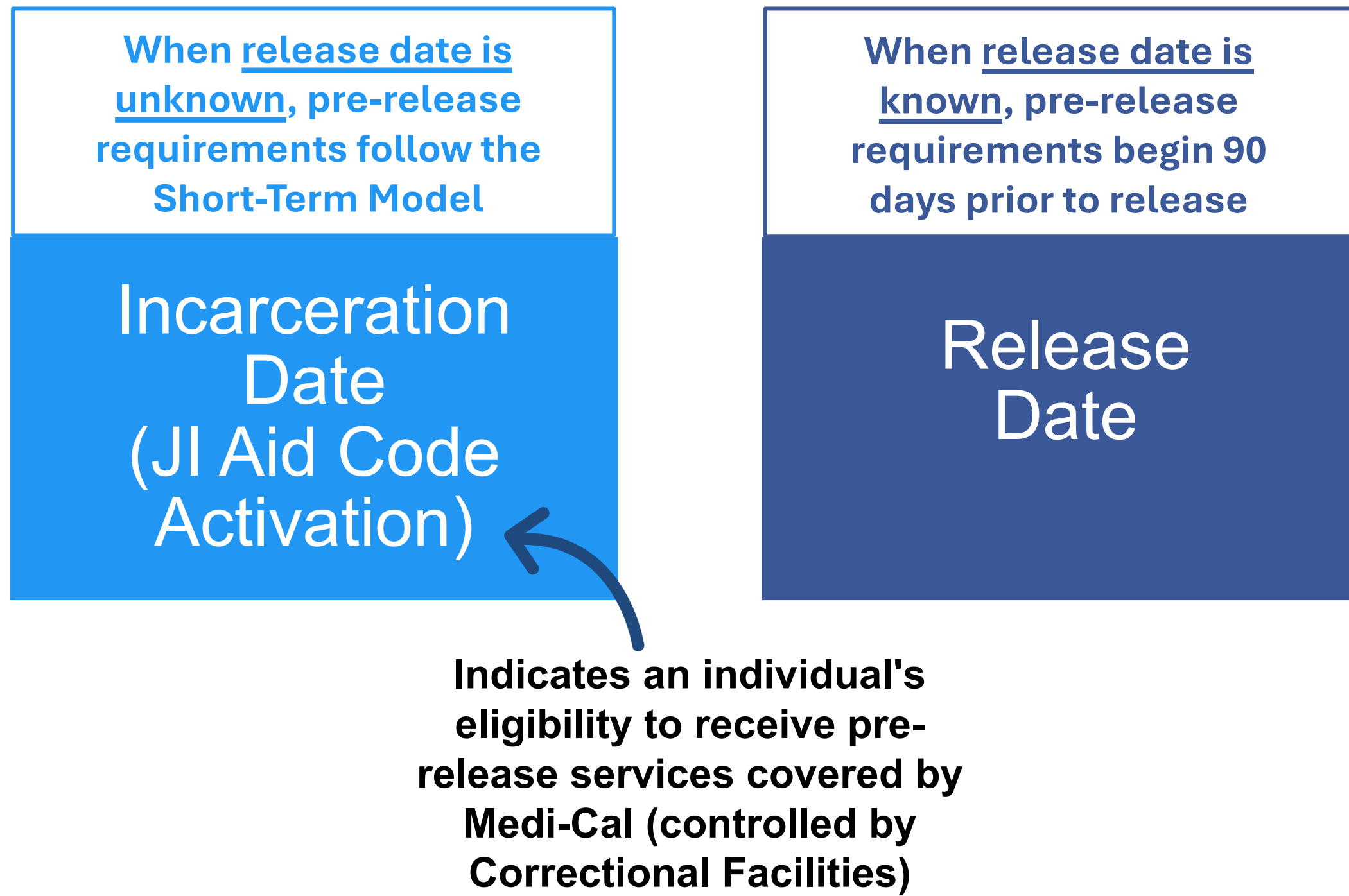
Medications in hand and Durable Medical Equipment (DME)

SINCE EARLY 2026

159,000+

billable pre-release services and prescriptions
delivered to incarcerated individuals

2 When are Pre-Release Services Available?



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What are Behavioral Health Links?

PRE-RELEASE
Individuals
identified with:

**Serious Mental
Illness**

**Substance Use
Disorders**

**Mild or Moderate
Behavioral Health
Needs**

POST-RELEASE
Behavioral Health
Link to:

County Specialty
Mental Health
Services

Drug Medi-Cal

MCP BH Provider

Responsible Parties

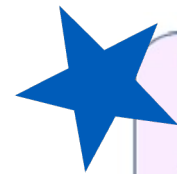
- Correctional Facilities
- Behavioral Health Agencies
- Managed Care Plans

WHY THIS MATTERS

BH links facilitate continuity of treatment for individuals who receive BH services while incarcerated and who wish to continue to receive these services upon reentry into the community.

4 What is Enhanced Care Management?

Medi-Cal Transformation (CalAIM) Care Management Continuum



Enhanced Care Management (ECM) is for the **highest-need members** and provides intensive coordination of health and health-related services.

Complex Care Management (CCM) is for members at **higher- and medium-rising risk** and provides ongoing chronic care coordination, interventions for temporary needs, and disease-specific management interventions.

Basic Population Health Management (BPHM). BPHM is the array of programs and services for **all** MCP members, including care coordination and comprehensive wellness and prevention programs, all of which require a strong connection to primary care.

Responsible Parties

- Managed Care Plans
- ECM Providers

WHY THIS MATTERS

Individuals who meet eligibility for pre-release services automatically qualify for ECM up to 12 months post-release.

What Services Does ECM Offer?

ECM offers seven core services to members who qualify:

1. Outreach and Engagement
2. Comprehensive Assessment and Care Management Planning
3. Enhanced Coordination of Care
4. Health Promotion
5. Comprehensive Transitional Care
6. Member and Family Supports
7. Coordination of and Referral to Community and Social Supports

5 What are Community Supports Services?

- Housing Transition Navigation Services
- Housing Deposits
- Housing Tenancy and Sustaining Services
- Short-Term Post-Hospitalization Housing
- Nursing Facility Transition/ Diversion to Assisted Living Facilities
- Community Transition Services/ Nursing Facility Transition to a Home
- Personal Care and Homemaker Services
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptations (Home Modifications)
- Respite Services
- Day Habilitation Programs
- Sobering Centers
- Asthma Remediation
- Recuperative Care (Medical Respite)
- Medically-Supportive Food/ Medically Tailored Meals
- Transitional Rent (Mandated Benefit)

Responsible Parties

- Managed Care Plans
- Community Supports Providers

WHY THIS MATTERS

Community Supports services address basic needs and the social drivers of health.

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Prioritizing Providers with Lived Experience



WHY THIS MATTERS

Individuals with lived experience bridge the gap between clinical systems and the lived realities of Medi-Cal members, fostering trust, reducing stigma, and improving engagement for complex populations.

Individuals with lived experience have first-hand experience with the criminal justice system, including history of arrest or incarceration, or second-hand experience, including having a close family member, being a caregiver, or having a partner who has experience with the criminal justice system.

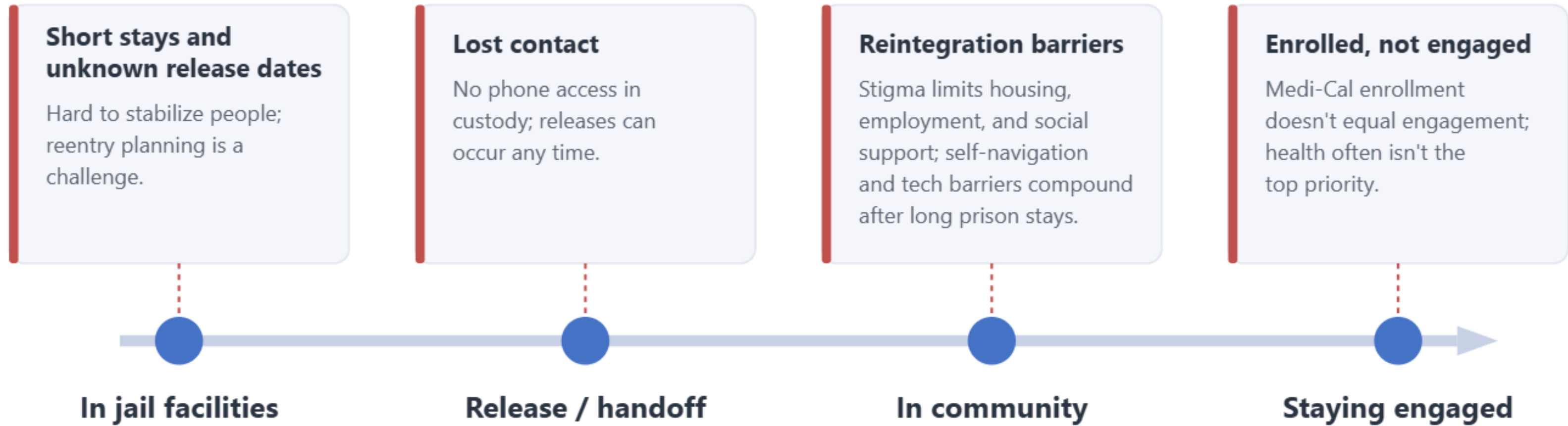
How are JI Reentry Initiative Services Reimbursed?

Pre-Release (Detention)	Post-Release (Community Reentry)
Services delivered in the pre-release period are covered through Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service •Direct Medi-Cal (DHCS) billing •Requires enrollment as a Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service Provider	Services delivered in the post-release period are covered under Medi-Cal managed care •Managed Care Plan billing •Requires Managed Care Plan contract

WHY THIS MATTERS

Providers serving individuals during incarceration and post-release must operate in two delivery systems.

Considerations for Adults



Looking ahead:

Forthcoming HR 1 requirements will add even more complexity and barriers to continuity of care.

JI Reentry Initiative Key Milestones



Correctional Facilities Launched as of June 1, 2026

★ **CDCR** (all facilities)

● **Imperial** (Sheriff)

● **Inyo** (Sheriff)

● **Kern** (Sheriff + Probation)

● **Mariposa** (Sheriff + Probation)

● **Mendocino** (Sheriff)

● **Monterey** (Sheriff)

● **Nevada** (Sheriff)

● **Orange** (Sheriff + Probation)

● **San Diego** (Probation)

● **San Francisco** (Sheriff + Probation)

● **San Joaquin** (Sheriff)

● **San Luis Obispo** (Sheriff + Probation)

● **San Mateo** (Sheriff)

● **Santa Barbara** (Probation)

● **Santa Clara** (Sheriff + Probation)

● **Siskiyou** (Sheriff)

● **Sutter** (Sheriff)

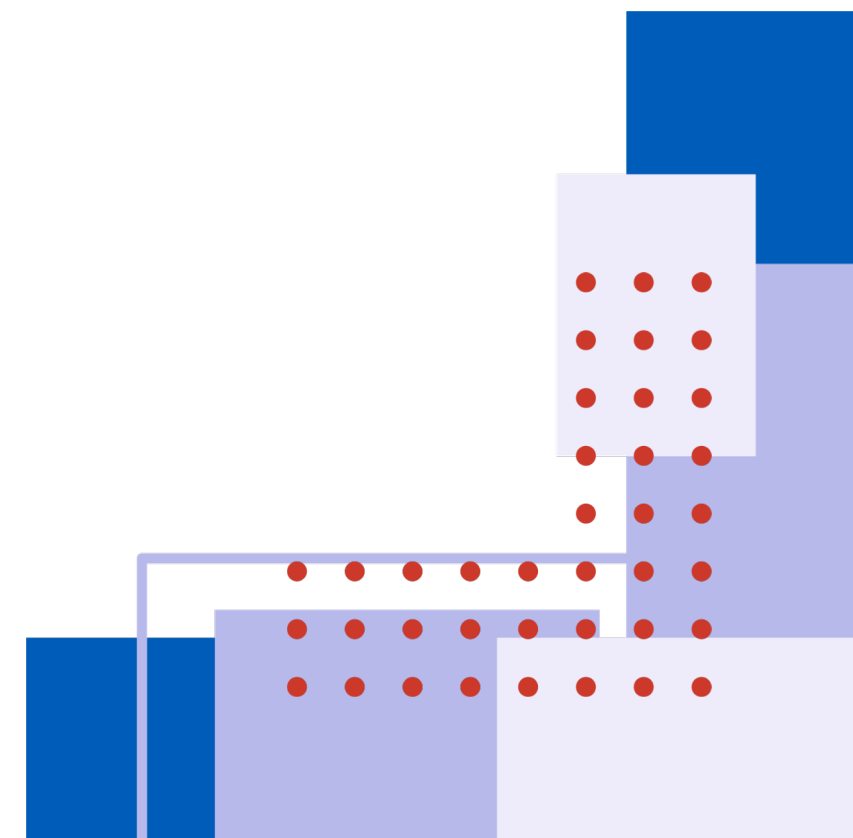
● **Tulare** (Probation)

● **Ventura** (Probation)

● **Yuba** (Sheriff + Probation)

JI Reentry Initiative Key Resources

- [DHCS JI Reentry Initiative website](#)
- [JI Reentry Initiative Policy and Operational Guide \(2026\)](#)
- [JI Reentry Initiative Policy and Operational Guide \(2023\)](#)
- [From Incarceration to Care: California's Medi-Cal Reentry Initiative, Impact Report, March 2026](#)



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Questions

