

## **2237.05.00 SUSPENSION INCARCERATION/~~STATE-OPERATED~~ PSYCHIATRIC FACILITY ADMISSION**

~~This provision is effective July 1, 2021.~~

When a recipient becomes incarcerated or is admitted to a psychiatric facility that results in ineligibility, the individual's health coverage should be suspended, not discontinued.<sup>3</sup> The case action for either condition is always suspension, **provided the incarceration or psychiatric facility stay will last at least 30 days**. Health Coverage benefits will be suspended until the member is released from the facility.<sup>4</sup> There is no limit on the number of times a recipient can be suspended.

**For applications and category changes which require a data gathering interview (refer to 2005.00.00 and 2005.05.15), whenever possible, the interview should occur prior to the individual's release from the institution. This ensures that individuals will have health coverage at release, if eligible.<sup>5</sup> Coverage cannot be reinstated prior to an individual's release (refer to 2237.10.00).**

**For incarcerated individuals**, the suspension policy applies to all MED categories regardless of the age of the recipient. **For information on members in a State Operated Facility, see IHCPPM 1623.00.00.**

Incarceration or psychiatric admissions which will last for less than 30 days does not require a ~~an eligibility~~ review **of the change in circumstances**.

Upon receiving notification that a recipient is institutionalized for at least 30 days, a review of the change in circumstances is required to determine whether the recipient remains eligible in the institution (in the case of a psychiatric admission) and what impact there is on other case members and other program eligibility. For children who enter juvenile detention facilities, correctional facilities, and secure facilities not licensed as child-care facilities, state law requires the juvenile court that adjudicated the delinquency to notify the DFR of the detention. ~~This notification requirement was effective 7-1-09.~~

During the period of suspension, case management activity such as redeterminations, processing data exchange updates, etc., will not occur when there are no other eligible recipients in the case.<sup>56</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> IC 12-15-1-20.4(a)

<sup>4</sup> IC 31-37-22-9

<sup>5</sup> **IC 12-15-1-20.4(b)**

<sup>6</sup> IC 12-15-1-20.4