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### **IDOC Registers Over 12k Newly Released Offenders for HIP 2.0**

Indianapolis, IN – Today the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC), reached an agency milestone by registering 12,071 releasing offenders for the HIP 2.0/Medicaid program. Last July, state law required that the Indiana Department of Correction begin applying for Medicaid/HIP 2.0 healthcare coverage for all offenders released from their custody.

Since individuals are not eligible for Medicaid while incarcerated unless they are admitted to a hospital, the Department moved quickly to use Presumptive Eligibility (HPE) to sign up its offenders. HPE permits offenders to be covered under Medicaid while hospitalized, allowing the hospital to bill Medicaid for approved services rather than the IDOC. By utilizing this method significant cost savings were achieved for IDOC's healthcare provider, who then reimbursed the IDOC.

In order to facilitate the on-boarding process, the Department created the Medicaid Processing Unit, which completes healthcare coverage applications on behalf of all offenders 60 days prior to their release. As part of the re-entry program, staff encourages soon-to-be released offenders to utilize their coverage for mental health and substance abuse treatments, in addition to their medical needs.

"While it was quite a challenge to construct a Medicaid on-boarding system from the ground up, we are satisfied with our processes and ecstatic about the results. We process a minimum of approximately 80 applicants per day," stated Alexis Dean, Executive Director of Re-Entry and Medicaid.

According to a report dated April 19, 2016, total Medicaid claims paid out since July 1, 2015, for IDOC offenders with Presumptive Eligibility is \$3,859,519.09.

"It [HIP 2.0] has helped me a lot. I have glasses, my teeth fixed, and my medicine," said Latwan Scott a recently released offender currently on Parole.

IDOC currently utilizes its intake facilities to screen every offender who comes to the Department, using a daily report and master tracking database. These tools are used by the Medicaid Processing Unit to fulfill another requirement of Hip 2.0, which involves reporting offenders with active coverage to the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), for suspension. Once notified, FSSA completes a status change which suspends the offender's coverage due to incarceration, and the offender is able to easily reactivate coverage upon release.

"The work we are doing is an important part of the Department's re-entry efforts and helps our offenders to receive the medical, mental health and addiction recovery treatments they need upon release," noted John Mather, Re-Entry Medicaid Monitor. "This is yet another way the Department is trying to make a positive impact on recidivism in Indiana."

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