

Section 5121 Brief Operational Checklist for Post-Adjudicated Youth

This operational checklist provides adult correctional administrators with concrete steps for initial implementation of Section 5121. Utilize this checklist when working with post-adjudicated youth between the ages of 18-21 and former foster care youth up to age 26.

Step 1: Intake/ Booking	Step 2: During Incarceration, 30 Days Before Release	Step 3: Post-Release, Within 30 Days After Release
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete initial medical, dental, and behavioral health screening with validated tools.	<input type="checkbox"/> Work with the state Medicaid agency to reactivate suspended benefits for eligible youth.	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide post-release TCM services, if designated to do so.
<input type="checkbox"/> Screen for Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) enrollment and eligibility status. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the individual is already enrolled in Medicaid/CHIP, facilitate the suspension of benefits, and reactivate benefits within 30 days of release. • If the individual is not already enrolled in Medicaid/CHIP, begin the enrollment process and then suspend benefits. Reactivate benefits within 30 days of release. • Aim to submit the application no later than 90 days before the individual's expected release date. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide physical, dental, and behavioral health screening and diagnostic services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services should be provided 30 days before release <i>or</i> no later than 1 week <i>or</i> as soon as practicable after release. 	<input type="checkbox"/> If not designated to provide post-release TCM services, conduct a warm handoff between correctional staff and community providers to ensure continuity of care. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The warm handoff should include a meeting of the pre-release case manager, the post-release case manager, and the impacted youth to discuss the individual service plan and next steps. • Care coordination planning may include Medicaid managed care organizations.
<input type="checkbox"/> Screen for eligibility for required screening, diagnostic, and case management services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible individuals are post-adjudication, ages 18–21 or former foster care youth up to age 26. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide pre-release targeted case management (TCM).	<input type="checkbox"/> If not provided during incarceration, physical, dental, and behavioral health screening and diagnostic services must be provided within 1 week after release or as soon as practicable.
<input type="checkbox"/> Collect performance data, including the number of individuals enrolled in Medicaid/CHIP, number of individuals ages 18-21 in custody, number of former foster care youth up to age 26 in custody, and physical and behavioral health needs.	<input type="checkbox"/> Collect performance data for TCM and screening and diagnostic services provided.	<input type="checkbox"/> Gather performance data from case managers.