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TO: PCI Inmate Notification
FROM: Gary C. Mohr, Director
RE: PCI's Medicaid Pre-Release Enrollment Program
DATE: July 2, 2015

I am pleased to announce PCI will serve as another facility to provide inmates scheduled to be released the opportunity to enroll into Medicaid and select a Managed Care Plan prior to release.

The inception of PCI's Medicaid Pre-Release Enrollment Program would not be possible without the collective efforts of the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction (ODRC). The unified goal of this partnership is the belief Medicaid pre-release enrollment will allow for a seamless transition in healthcare coverage post incarceration and establishment of a care plan for inmates who have complex healthcare needs. Overall, seek to create a continuum of healthcare within the community that connects released individuals to appropriate medical, mental health, and substance abuse treatment.

This memo provides details about the program and serves as a reference to field questions about the Medicaid pre-release enrollment process at your facility.

PCI's Medicaid Pre-Release Enrollment Program specifics:

- **When does the PCI Medicaid Enrollment program begin?**
 - July 2015 – all PCI inmates scheduled to be released in November 2015 and beyond will be provided the opportunity to apply for healthcare benefits through Medicaid at least ninety (90) days prior to their release.
- **What is Medicaid?**
 - **Medicaid** is a health insurance program that provides health coverage to low income families and individuals. In Ohio, most individuals who are eligible for Medicaid must join a managed care plan to receive their benefits.
- **What is a Managed Care Plan (MCP)?**
 - A managed care plan is a private health insurance company that contracts with the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) to provide health care services to Medicaid beneficiaries. Managed care plans work with doctors, hospitals, and other providers to deliver services and care coordination.

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- **Ohio's Managed Care Plans;**
 - Buckeye Health Plan, CareSource, Molina Healthcare, Paramount Advantage, and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan

- **Why do Ohioans need insurance?**
 - Promote a healthy lifestyle. Health insurance helps individuals get medical care when needed.
 - The Patient Protection Affordable Care Act (PPACA) passed by congress and signed into law by President Obama, requires all United States citizens to have health insurance coverage. Uninsured citizens could be subject to a penalty tax.

- **Who can apply?**
 - All inmates can apply at NO cost.
 - Medicaid eligibility requirements include;
 - Children & families;
 - Children up to 19 years old
 - Parents or caretaker relatives of children up to 19 years old
 - Some 19 and 20 year olds
 - Adults up to age 64 living at or below 138% of Federal Poverty Level
 - Women
 - Pregnant women
 - Some women with breast and cervical cancer
 - Older adults and individuals with disabilities
 - Adults aged 65 and older
 - Individuals with disabilities, including blindness
 - Be a U.S. citizen
 - Have or get a Social Security number
 - Must be an Ohio Resident
 - Meet certain financial requirements – income must be between 138% of Federal Poverty Level.

- **How can inmates enroll while incarcerated?**
 - PCI's Medicaid liaison along with the assistance of selected inmates who will serve as guides, Peer-to-Peer Medicaid Guides (PTPMG) will provide education and materials to interested participants at least ninety (90) days prior to release.
 - Participation is voluntary and requires inmates to sign/complete several forms to include; ODM Authorization, Release of Information for Medicaid, and provide a forwarding address

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- Approximately, ninety (90) days **prior** to release; Inmates will be connected directly to an Ohio Medicaid Consumer Hotline (OMCH) representative via a dedicated phone line to select a MCP.
 - At the conclusion of the call, all of the inmate's personal information will be securely saved and his or her application for Medicaid and Managed Care selection will be electronically submitted for processing.
 - If denied, Medicaid will provide instructions for the inmate to Appeal ODM's decision.
- **When will PCI inmates know if they qualify for Medicaid and the Managed Care Plan selected?**
 - The Medicaid application process takes several weeks.
 - Inmates will **ONLY** be notified if additional information is required **OR** if they are denied Medicaid.
 - All approved Medicaid and Managed Care Plan information will be provided to inmates on the **DAY OF THEIR SCHEDULED RELEASE DATE** through the facility release coordinator. (All Medicaid documentation will be included within the inmate's release packet prepared by the Bureau of Record's Management (BORM):
- **Questions** can be addressed by the PCI's designated Medicaid liaison and the Medicaid Peer-to-Peer Guides (PTPMG).

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