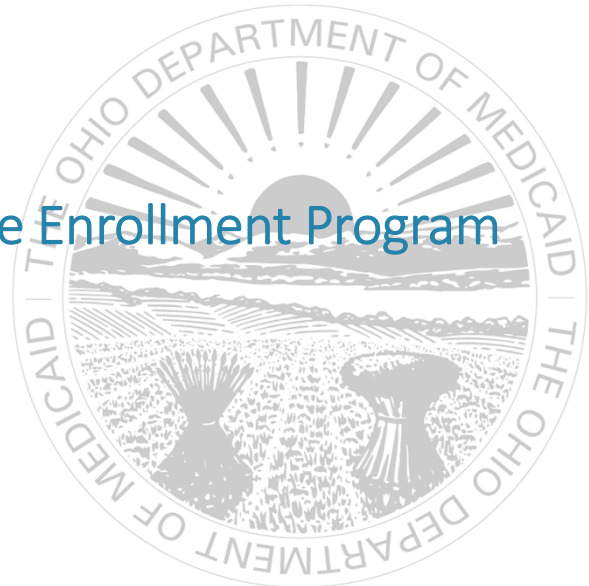# Ohio Medicaid Pre-Release Enrollment Program

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- Medicaid is Ohio's largest health payer.
- Over 83,000 hospitals, nursing homes and other providers deliver services for nearly 3 million individuals insured by Medicaid.
- Over 2.4 million Medicaid enrollees are served by the five statewide managed care plans (MCPs)
  - » Buckeye
  - » CareSource
  - » Molina Healthcare of Ohio
  - » Paramount Advantage
  - » United Healthcare Community Plan of Ohio

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Ohio's Inmate Population

- 27 institutions located across the state
- There are currently over 50,000 inmates
  - » 91.6% male, 8.4% female
  - » Average age: 37 years
  - » Average stay in prison: 2.26 years
  - » 16% of inmates are over 50 years of age
- Recidivism rate is 27.5%, below the national average of 49.7%
- High prevalence of chronic care, mental health issues, and history of drug/alcohol addiction

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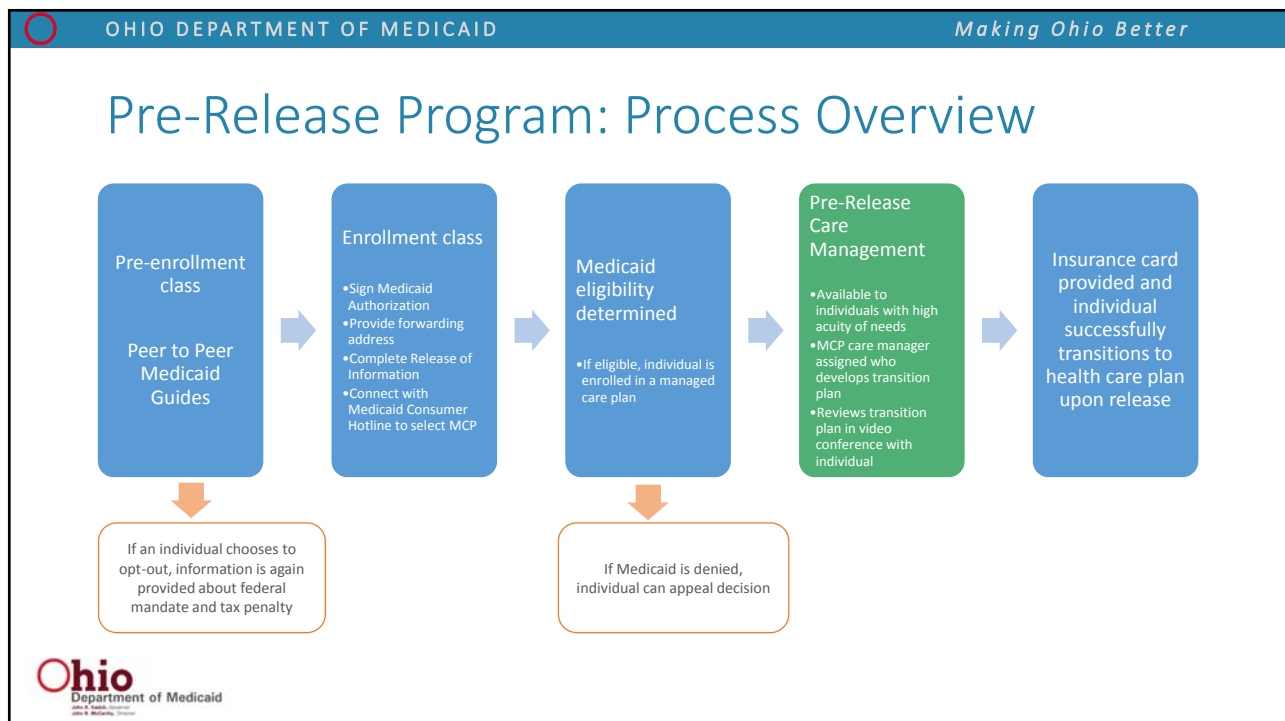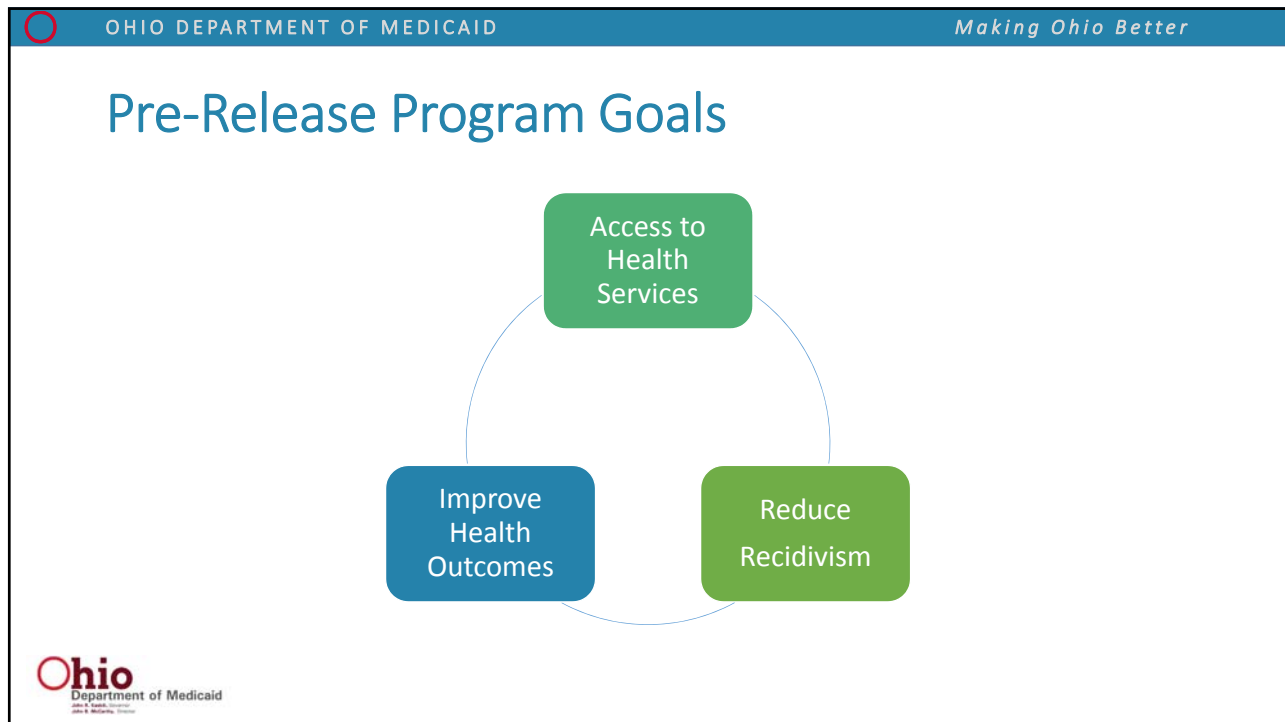
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Medicaid Pre-Release Enrollment Program

Strong cross-agency partnerships have been key to the success of this initiative since its inception.

- 2013
  - » Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) and the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) partnered to ensure coverage of inpatient hospitalizations by Medicaid.
- Early 2014
  - » Pre-release initiative borne from increased focus on community re-entry and desire to create a continuum of health care services from institution to community.
  - » Began meeting weekly to plan, design, and implement processes.
- September 2014
  - » Program launch with one facility
  - » Added Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Ohio Department of Health and Medicaid Managed Care Plans as key partners.
- December 2016
  - » Phase in of all 27 facilities will be completed.

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Pre-Release Program Goals

- Access to Health Services
- Reduce Recidivism
- Improve Health Outcomes

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Pre-Release Program: Process Overview

Pre-enrollment class

Peer to Peer Medicaid Guides

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Enrollment class
- Sign Medicaid Authorization
- Provide forwarding address
- Complete Release of Information
- Connect with Medicaid Consumer Hotline to select MCP

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Medicaid eligibility determined
- If eligible, individual is enrolled in a managed care plan

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Pre-Release Care Management
- Available to individuals with high acuity of needs
- MCP care manager assigned who develops transition plan
- Reviews transition plan in video conference with individual

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Insurance card provided and individual successfully transitions to health care plan upon release

If an individual chooses to opt-out, information is again provided about federal mandate and tax penalty

If Medicaid is denied, individual can appeal decision

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Keys to success:

- Strong stakeholder partnerships

- Consistent expectation of partners and participants

- Consistent messaging with partners and participants

- Removing barriers to information sharing to facilitate coordination and continuity of care

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