

## **Medicaid for Youth in Detention, Jail or Training School Placements and SWSS-FAJ Process**

A youth remains Medicaid eligible while placed in a detention facility, jail or DHS training school (SWSS-FAJ living arrangement codes **11, 12 or 14**). Medicaid must remain open in SWSS-FAJ. The youth is Medicaid eligible but the Medicaid coverage is limited to off-site inpatient hospitalization only. The facility is responsible for all other medical services provided to youth.

### **Process**

The Department of Community Health (DCH) Medicaid exception unit enters a level of care (LOC) 32 code to identify an incarcerated youth (i.e. placed in detention, jail or training school). The DHS foster care worker, monitor or juvenile justice worker must enter the youth's placement in SWSS and transmit to Bridges for the Medicaid exception unit to receive this information and complete the process. At the time of the youth's discharge from the facility, the worker enters the youth's new placement information into SWSS-FAJ and transmits to Bridges. Upon electronic receipt of this information, the Medicaid exception unit removes the LOC 32 code. Prompt updates to the SWSS-FAJ placements to indicate placement within and discharge from detention facilities, jail or DHS training school assists in appropriate Medicaid access for youth and prevents unacceptable use of federal Medicaid funds and payment errors.

Contact the SWSS Help Desk to force Bridges transactions for LA 11(detention), 12 (jail), 14 (training school) and to ignore the SWSS edits that tell you to close MA for these three SWSS-FAJ living arrangement codes.