



## Achieving Continuity of Care, Efficiency, and Savings throughout the Incarceration Lifecycle

56% of state prisoners and 64% of jail inmates are affected by a mental health problem<sup>1</sup>

Last year, over 2.3 million individuals were incarcerated in U.S. state, local, and federal facilities. Compared to the general population, individuals in jails and prisons suffer 3x the rate of serious mental illness, 4x the rate of substance abuse disorders, and 4-9x the rate of active tuberculosis (TB), HIV infection, and Hepatitis C.<sup>1</sup>

Many of those incarcerated require a variety of ongoing behavioral and physical health services, creating a critical need to facilitate the appropriate treatment program, funded by the appropriate authority. A common need within the Medicaid community is to strengthen continuity of care for incarcerated Medicaid recipients, while also reducing improper payments.

### The Appriss Solution: Avoid Gaps in Care, Improper Payments

Appriss Safety is a leading data integration company that operates the nation's most comprehensive and current incarceration data network, having direct jail management system interfaces with over 2,900 jails and DOC facilities. Collaborating with Medicaid agencies across the country, we have identified a critical need for access to real-time incarceration data to avoid gaps in care and improper payments while beneficiaries are in the various stages of incarceration.

Appriss' Program Integrity Solution for Medicaid gives agencies access to accurate and timely data, positively affecting continuity of care for incarcerated Medicaid beneficiaries. Agencies are able to place "watches" on their beneficiary lists, and receive alerts when a monitored beneficiary is:

- Booked into custody
- Released from custody
- Incarcerated for a certain "length of stay"

### Continuous Monitoring of Medicaid Beneficiaries



Automated alerts notify you of key changes to Medicaid beneficiary incarceration status.

65% of all U.S. inmates meet medical criteria for substance abuse addiction. Only 11% receive any treatment. The cost of incarceration is 5X greater than the cost of substance abuse treatment.<sup>2</sup>

## Ensure Better Healthcare and Societal Outcomes With Accurate Data

Medicaid coverage gaps stemming from a lack of access to national criminal justice data can often result in detrimental societal and financial consequences, such as:

- Regression in beneficiaries' treatment progress
- Increased rates of recidivism
- Higher rates of emergency room use, death, and suicide

Appriss' Program Integrity Solution for Medicaid seeks to ensure that incarcerated Medicaid beneficiaries receive seamless continuity of care, and that their care is financed by the appropriate parties.

### Benefits for State Agencies



#### Updating beneficiary status

Medicaid payments can be suspended or terminated when beneficiaries become incarcerated, and reinstated upon release - preventing overpayments and eliminating lapses in care.



#### Improving continuity of care

Seamless continuity of care supports and informs beneficiaries' healthcare providers and helps beneficiaries suffering from behavioral health issues avoid future incarceration.



#### Saving taxpayer dollars

Beneficiaries who have been released from incarceration, and whose coverage has been reinstated, are less likely to rely on costly emergency care, easing the financial burden on taxpayers.

### Benefits of Appriss' Program Integrity Solution for Medicaid Agencies

As the developer of the nation's most comprehensive incarceration database, and as a tech industry leader with expertise in data integration, Appriss' value proposition to Medicaid agencies is two-fold: we offer Medicaid agencies access to real-time, nation-wide incarceration data and a team of experts to implement and support it.

With our breadth of data and technical expertise, Medicaid agencies can address many of the challenges that coincide with incarcerated beneficiaries through real-time alerts.

Access to Appriss data eases agencies' administrative burden, enabling the establishment of internal process efficiencies, saving both time and resources.

### Why Appriss

Through access to Appriss' extensive, real-time incarceration data, coupled with our unmatched industry expertise, we possess the knowledge and skill set required to successfully partner with Medicaid agencies to resolve the challenges you face regarding incarcerated beneficiaries. This solution has the power to vastly improve agency efficiencies, save countless dollars, and enhance the quality and continuity of care for a very vulnerable segment of our society.

### About Appriss Safety

Appriss Safety operates the nation's most comprehensive and up-to-date incarceration data network. We deliver data-driven solutions that help our customers make better-informed decisions for early response to people-driven risk. By delivering real-time notifications and actionable insights, we enable Medicaid agencies to improve beneficiary continuity of care and save valuable tax dollars.

For more information visit [ApprissSafety.com](https://ApprissSafety.com) or email [info@apprissafety.com](mailto:info@apprissafety.com).

#### FOOTNOTES

<sup>1</sup> Medicaid and CHIP Learning Collaboratives, Medicaid and Justice-Involved Populations: Strategies to Increase Coverage and Care Coordination (2017).

<sup>2</sup> Behind Bars II: Substance Abuse and America's Prison Population, CASAColumbia (2010).