

# Policy Clarification

## Medicaid – All

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**Agency:** CAOs

**Subject:** Incarceration Facility Code 72

**Question:** What is the proper use of incarceration facility code 72 found on the Facility screen?

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**Response By:** Division of Health Services

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One of the software changes implemented with Health Care Reform was the creation of incarceration code 72 on the Facility screen. The system will determine an applicant or recipient of Medical Assistance (MA) in a Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) category as non-financially ineligible when this code is entered on the Facility screen. However, entry of code 72 will not cause an ineligibility determination when reviewing for benefits in a non-MAGI category of MA.

When it is verified that an applicant or recipient has been incarcerated the individual is not eligible for ongoing MA. Upon verification of incarceration the individual's ongoing MA benefits should be closed and proper notice should be given. Qualified inmates of county and state prisons who are admitted to hospitals for inpatient care can receive MA for a non-continuous eligibility (NCE) period with the incarceration code entered. State and county prison staff applies for these qualified inmates via COMPASS. These applications are processed by the Central Unit.

Verification of incarceration via the SSA composite is considered information verified upon receipt. However, if the CAO has reason to believe the incarceration dates are incorrect they must verify this information following current policy.