**Policy Clarifications – Medicaid – All  
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| **Subject: County of Residence for Individuals Placed in an Inpatient Drug and Alcohol (D&A) Facility**  **Question:** How does the CAO determine which county will process Medical Assistance (MA) applications for residents of D&A facilities? Should the MA application be processed in the county of residence or county of placement? |

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| **Response By: Division of Health Services** | **Date: 8/29/2016** |

When the CAO receives an MA application for an individual who is a resident of an inpatient D&A facility, the CAO must determine how the individual came to be placed in the D&A facility. From where the individual came will determine which county will review the MA application.

* If the individual is released from a State Correctional Institution (SCI), the individual will be reviewed for MA eligibility in the county where the D&A facility is located. Individuals incarcerated in an SCI are incarcerated for an average of three years and many do not have a permanent county of residence when released.
* If the individual is released from a county prison, the individual will be reviewed for MA eligibility in the county of permanent residence. Individuals incarcerated in a county prison are short term inmates and most will return to their prior county of residence.
* If the individual entered the D&A facility from the community outside of the correctional system, the individual will be reviewed for MA eligibility in the county of permanent residence.

Follow the above guidance when determining the county of residence for individuals in a D&A facility.