



Frequently Asked Questions

Introduction

According to a study by the National Association of Counties, inmate health care costs can range up to 30 percent of corrections spending.

Ninety percent of people who enter county jails have no health insurance. Additionally, jail inmates suffer from chronic health conditions at a higher rate than the general population and 64 percent experience mental illness.




Many of those who cycle in and out of county jails may now be able to obtain health insurance through the Affordable Care Act (ACA). With reforms to the ACA, Sheriffs and jails are now in a unique position to connect those in their custody with health insurance during pretrial detention or prior to discharge.

What is the cost to my Department or Jail?

Trinity Corrections Care **does not charge** the Department or Jail, inmate or their family members, for any of our products or services.

Which justice-involved individuals are eligible for coverage under the ACA?

For the purpose of determining eligibility, it is important to note the Marketplace's definition of incarceration. Individuals are **not** considered incarcerated and are eligible to enroll or continue existing enrollment in Marketplace Coverage, if they fall under these categories:

-  Pre-conviction
-  Probation or parole
-  Post-conviction - under limited supervision or confinement





What happens when an individual is convicted and incarcerated?

Individuals pending disposition of charges can enroll or continue existing enrollment in a Qualified Health Plan (QHP) through the Marketplace, if otherwise eligible. However, if convicted and incarcerated, individuals are no longer eligible for Marketplace coverage and should end their existing coverage.

What services are covered under the ACA?

If a detainee or inmate is eligible for coverage under a Marketplace plan or expanded Medicaid, those plans must cover ten "Essential Health Benefits."

Essential Health Benefits include items and services within at least the following 10 categories:

-  Ambulatory patient services
-  Emergency services
-  Hospitalization
-  Maternity and newborn care



- ⚙️ Mental health and substance use disorder services, including behavioral health treatment
- ⚙️ Prescription drugs
- ⚙️ Rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices
- ⚙️ Laboratory services
- ⚙️ Preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management, and
- ⚙️ Pediatric services, including oral and vision care. (For covered dependents)

Given the high percentage of justice-involved individuals with mental health and substance use disorder needs, increased access to these treatments is of particular value to jails. The services actually provided under “mental health and substance use disorder services,” however, will vary by state.

How does an individual qualify?

Time in jail is a “qualifying life event” which provides individuals eligibility for a special enrollment period outside of open enrollment.

- ⚙️ Consumers with household incomes between 100-150 percent of the Federal Poverty Line may be eligible for coverage options with \$0 premiums.
- ⚙️ Coverage may be obtained for the detainee and his or her qualified dependents.

Up to 30 days before, and up to 60 days after, release from a post-conviction incarceration, an individual is eligible to sign up for coverage under the Affordable Care Act. Trinity Corrections Care will enroll individuals during these timeframes.

How does the enrollment process work?

Trinity Corrections Care, through our subsidiary partner, Resident Healthcare Advisors, will enroll individuals who are currently housed in your facility. Trinity Corrections Care can send our professionals to your jail to complete the initial enrollments of your current population at no cost to your organization. We will work with the facility staff to begin a process of enrolling new detainees at intake going forward.

The process is very simple and typically takes only a few minutes to gather the needed information, much of which is already required at intake, such as date of birth, SSN and gender. A sample of the paper form used to gather the needed information is attached.

Facilities also have the option of utilizing Trinity Corrections Care partner BI2 Technologies Inmate Recognition & Identification System (I.R.I.S.™) to register and track enrollees. I.R.I.S.™ is implemented through the nation’s only secure, encrypted, real-time national criminal justice sharing network, based on iris biometric technology, which enables law enforcement agency staff to positively identify criminals in seconds.

Trinity Corrections Care will be able to provide BI2 Technologies I.R.I.S.™ hardware and software at greatly reduced or no cost to any jail wishing to utilize this system.

Trinity will train jail staff and deliver enrollment assistance for their existing population. The easiest method is to gather enrollment information for qualified individuals at intake.







Utilizing the I.R.I.S.™ system can cut the enrollment process to less than two minutes and provides the added benefit of adding the inmate into the national iris recognition database.

What is I.R.I.S.™?

BI2 Technologies and the nation's sheriffs have created what no other organization in the world – public or private – have been able to accomplish; the implementation of the nation's only secure, encrypted, real-time national criminal justice data sharing network, based on iris recognition technology, which enables law enforcement agencies across the country to positively identify individuals in seconds from virtually anywhere.

The Inmate Identification and Recognition System (I.R.I.S.™) positively identifies offenders using the most anatomically unique biometric – the human iris. Sheriff's Offices, jails, and correctional facilities have been utilizing iris biometric recognition technology for essential responsibilities, such as:

-  Identification at Arrest
-  Inmate Intake and Booking
-  Inmate Release
-  Authentication of an Individual

At the root of iris recognition's accuracy is the data-richness of the iris itself. The I.R.I.S.™ system captures over 265 points of unique characteristics in formulating its algorithmic template. No other technology delivers real-time results, with the same high degree of accuracy. Once the digital photograph of the iris is taken, results are generated in approximately 8 seconds or less.

How do I get more information?

For more information on how Trinity Corrections Care and Resident Health Advisors can help provide health insurance in your facility, please call 800-479-1621 or email info@trinitycorrectionscare.com.



Customer Care: (800) 479-1621

info@trinitycorrectionscare.com



Correctional Facility Name: _____

ResidentHealthcare Advisors
2024Authorization to Enroll Form
Phone: (205) 506-4515

Do you currently have health insurance coverage through the ACA? Yes, _____ No, _____

Legal Name:		Date of Birth:	
Email Address:		Phone Number:	
SSN:		Gender (M/F):	
Address:			
City/State/Zip:			
Marital Status:			
Spouse's Name: (if married)		Spouse's Phone Number (if married)	

Projected Annual Income (for the current year) _____

If Single:	\$15,000	\$18,000	\$22,000	Other: _____
If Married*:	\$19,720	\$24,860	\$30,000	Other: _____

*Must include household income. You must notify Resident Healthcare Advisors if your actual annual income will be greater than projected, as this will impact your subsidy. Failure to provide notification will impact your tax return.

Additional Info:

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All applicable fields must be clearly completed.

By signing this form, I:

- Attest that all information provided in this form is accurate.
- Authorize Resident Healthcare Advisors to enroll me in a health insurance policy under the Affordable Care Act. I expect the ACA plan to be paid for through the ACA Subsidies/Credits available for those with lower income.
- Authorize the Correctional Facility and their medical service provider to share any necessary information about me required by Resident Healthcare Advisors to complete my application for health insurance.
- Understand and agree that Resident Healthcare Advisors will help enroll me in the lowest premium ACA plan that is available to me with ACA Subsidies. Resident Healthcare Advisors will do their best to help me find the lowest out of pocket plan available for the subsidy I will be receiving.
- Authorize all plan documents, policy, or renewal information to be sent to the email address provided above. I will call Resident Healthcare Advisors should I decide to change this election in the future.
- Authorize Resident Healthcare Advisors and their affiliates to share insurance policy and PHI with the Correctional Facility and their medical service provider for health insurance claims processing.
- Grant Resident Healthcare Advisors Agent of Record and authorize them to maintain the agent of record until I withdraw my authorization in writing. In addition, I rescind and or revoke the Agent of Record for any other agent previously engaged including but not limited to: _____

Client Signature: _____

Date: _____