



Off-site Medical Cost Control Program

Projecting the cost of inmate and arrestee medical expenses is one of the most daunting challenges for any jail administrator. An accurate projection relies on effective claims management: verifying financial responsibility, negotiating rates, and keeping track of what has been processed and paid. This can be an overwhelming task for jail or county staff who have other responsibilities that require their immediate attention.

The Off-site Medical Cost-Control Program is a cost-mitigation resource that sheriffs, counties, and local municipalities may use to reduce the administrative and financial burden of off-site inmate medical expenses.

It can work alongside existing contracts with medical management companies or agreements that you may already have established to enhance your savings. Tie these savings back to the Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance (CIMI) and you may see a reduction in upfront costs on the claim itself as well as reimbursement for the high-cost claims.



Savings Example



2020 Snapshot:

- 5,427 claims
- Total Charges: \$7,632,755
- Total paid: \$1,037,727
- Total Savings of 86%!

In 2020, 5,427 claims were submitted, representing 11 county jails in 7 states and 1 state Department of Corrections. Total billed charges rolled in at \$7,632,755. Total paid was \$1,037,727, equaling a savings of 86%!

Claim Processing Fee

Participating jails can choose a fee method that is best for their agency's budget:

- Option 1: a percentage of savings,
- Option 2: a flat per inmate per month rate,
- Option 3: or a combination based on the type of claim (hospital versus physician).

The exact fee or percentage of savings will be based on the agency's volume of claims. Unlike other cost-containment programs, the administrative savings fee will never exceed the amount paid to the medical provider. Claims incurred prior to a contract being signed will be based on a percentage of savings.



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Frequently Asked Questions



Q: Do I have to sign a contract?

A: Agencies who wish to join sign a Participation Agreement.

Q: What services does the Off-site Medical Cost Control Program provide my agency?

A: The exact services provided are based on an agency's needs. They typically include intake authorization and precertification; claims re-pricing; Explanation of Benefits generation; Client billing; and provider reimbursement. Claims will be promptly processed upon receipt of invoices. All bills are adjusted to the applicable rates under the controlling State Medicaid law and/or according to any fee schedule/arrangement stipulated by the Client.

Q: What if we already have someone on staff that negotiates off-site medical bills?

A: Your agency has nothing to lose! The process is easy and your onsite staff member can use this service as a supplement to their efforts.

Q: What if our agency already has contracted rates with local medical providers?

A: In the event that your agency has to utilize a provider where a contract may not be arranged, this can assist in providing additional savings. If your contract is not based on Medicare or Medicaid rates, this may be a better arrangement for savings.

Q: How does this work with Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance?

A: This program supplements the insurance to provide maximum savings. Total eligible expenses for any inmate, during the plan year, that exceed the per inmate deductible can be submitted for reimbursement under the Catastrophic Inmate Medical Insurance.

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