



# **Presentation to the House Committee on Public Health: House Bill 337 Implementation Update**

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**Requires the suspension and reinstatement of Medicaid for individuals confined to a county jail if the county sheriff chooses to notify HHSC of the confinement.**

## **Stakeholder Coordination**

- Ongoing collaboration with external stakeholders.
- Identification of challenges, which helped shape the current implementation plan.

## **Challenges**

- Differing intake processes.
  - For example, county jails do not identify if individuals receive Medicaid as part of the intake process.

# HB 337

# Implementation Plan

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## Phase I

- Provide county sheriffs access to the state's eligibility system to determine if an individual has Medicaid.
- Create a mechanism for county sheriffs to report confinement and release.
- Establish a centralized location for county sheriffs to access the information necessary to participate.
- Enact automation changes to allow state staff to suspend and reinstate.
- Develop an outreach campaign and webinar.

## Phase II

- Continue to work on an automated solution, which includes an interface with Appriss, a commercial data analytics system that is a comprehensive source of incarceration, justice, and risk intelligence data.
- Phase I will remain in place for counties who do not use Appriss.

Additional efforts include providing county sheriffs with an informational brochure on how individuals can contact HHSC regarding benefits.

# HB 337: LMHA Pilot

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## Confirmed Pilot Sites

### Urban Sites

- The Harris Center
- My Health My Resources Tarrant County

### Rural Sites

- Texas Panhandle
- Center for Life Resources

## Timeline

- Preliminary conversations have begun, and the next coordinated call will likely be in the first half of October.
- HHSC plans to meet every other week to monitor progress and to develop metrics to capture impact.