



## SALISH BH-ASO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

**Policy Name:** JAIL TRANSITION SERVICES

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### PURPOSE

To outline the provision of Jail Transition Services to non-Medicaid eligible individuals residing in the Salish Regional Service Area (RSA) within available resources.

### POLICY

The Salish Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (SBH-ASO) Providers provide Jail Transition Services for incarcerated individuals residing in the Salish RSA in accordance with the HCA BH-ASO Contract.

### PROCEDURE

1. SBH-ASO Jail Transition Services are to be provided within available resources.
  - a. SBH-ASO and Providers coordinate with local law enforcement and jail personnel to meet the needs of individuals detained in city, county, Tribal, and regional jails.
  - b. Providers must identify and provide transition services to persons with mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders to expedite and facilitate their return to the community.
  - c. Providers accept referrals for intake of persons who are not enrolled in community mental health services but who meet priority populations as defined in Chapter 71.24 RCW. SBH-ASO Providers must conduct mental health intake assessments for these persons and, when appropriate, provide transition services prior to their release from jail.
  - d. SBH-ASO Providers shall assist Individuals with mental illness in completing and submitting an application for medical assistance prior to release from jail.
2. Providers assist Individuals with mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders with the coordination of the re-activation of Medicaid benefits if those benefits

were suspended while the Individual was incarcerated, which may involve coordinating the submission of prior authorization with the managed care organizations.

3. Pre-release services include:
  - a. Mental health and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) screening for Individuals who display behavior consistent with a need for such screening, who submit a request for services, or who have been referred by jail staff or officers of the court.
  - b. Mental health intake assessments for persons identified during the mental health screening as a member of a priority population.
  - c. Facilitation of expedited medical and financial eligibility determination with the goal of immediate access to benefits upon release from incarceration.
  - d. Other prudent pre-release and pre-trial case management and transition planning.
  - e. Direct mental health or SUD services to Individuals who are in jails that have no mental health staff.
4. Post-release outreach to ensure follow-up for mental health and other services (e.g., SUD) to stabilize Individuals in the community.
5. If the SBH-ASO has provided the jail services in this section the SBH-ASO may also use the Jail Coordination Services funds, if sufficient, to facilitate any of the following:
  - a. Daily cross-reference between new booking and the Data Store to identify newly booked persons.
  - b. Develop individual alternative service plans (alternative to the jail) for submission to the courts. Plans will incorporate evidence-based risk assessment screening tools.
  - c. Inter-local Agreements with juvenile detention facilities.
  - d. Provide up to a seven (7) day supply of medications for the treatment of mental health symptoms following the release from jail.

Training to local law enforcement and jail services personnel regarding de-escalation, crisis intervention, and similar training topics.