



COUNTY OF MONTEREY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Subject: CalAIM Justice Involved (JI) Initiative Behavioral Health Links

To facilitate continuity of patient care between Adult Correctional Facilities (CFs) and Monterey County Behavioral Health (MCBH) for Incarcerated Persons (IPs) exiting CFs and returning to the Monterey County community requiring linkage for specialty mental health and/or substance use issues, and to ensure that MCBH and CFs meet their respective responsibilities, the following pathway has been established for referrals as required by the CalAIM Justice Involved (JI) Initiative Behavioral Health Links (BH Links).

Effective October 1, 2024, Monterey County Behavioral Health is requesting that CFs submit all referrals for BH Links via the referral form available at the following link [DocuSign](#). Upon receipt of the referral, MCBH will confirm receipt and reach out to the submitting party with any questions.

Within the 14 days prior to release, MCBH will contact the person in care and complete the CalAIM Screening Tool and the Behavioral Health SUD Screening Tool, and follow-up accordingly regarding appointment scheduling, referral, and transportation coordination as part of professional-to-professional clinical handoff. MCBH will work in coordination with the identified CF pre-release care manager and/or post-release ECM provider (as appropriate).

Referring parties from CFs should include as much information as possible with the initial referral. A complete referral packet includes:

- Completed CalAIM Adult JI Referral Form
- Release date is required
- Release of information signed by the individual being referred
- Booking Sheet / Face Sheet
- Discharge Plan with CFs pre-release discharge coordinator contact information
- Custody Health Records to include:
 - Assessments
 - Sick Calls
 - Diagnosis
 - Medication List
 - MAR

CFs can reach our team by emailing us at Adult-JI-BH-Linkage-Requests@countyofmonterey.gov.

For coordination of care regarding a youth who will be exiting an out of county Youth Correctional Facility (YCF), please submit a request through the contact us link [Behavioral Health - Contact Us | County of Monterey, CA](#) and indicate **CalAIM BH Links YCF** in the subject line.