

Dakota County Mandate Recommendation

Medical Assistance Benefits			
Mandate	Statute	Rule	Comment
MA clients who are incarcerated have all MA benefits terminated	256B., 256B.055 subd.14 MDHS Policy 0906.01		Rather than terminating benefits for inmates, the State (as suggested by the Federal Government) should <u>suspend</u> benefits, pending release. Medical costs for the Dakota County jail inmates average \$475,000 each year due to inmates not being covered under MA. With re-enrollment for clients, it generally takes 90 days to re-qualify for Medicaid and Medicare after release from incarceration.