



Inmate Medical Cost Containment

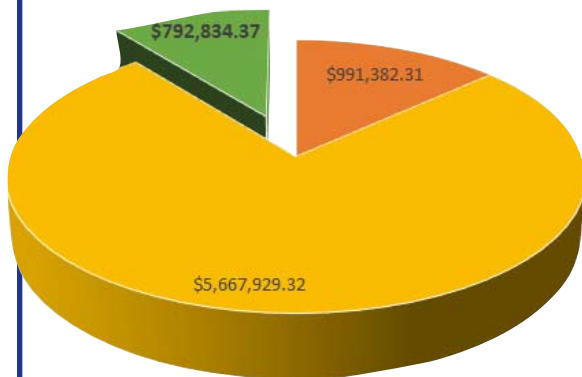
The MAS Inmate Medical Cost Containment Program provides the following services to member counties

- Evaluation of medical service codes and appropriate Medicaid repricing for claims payment
- Proper coordination of benefits by intercepting Medicare eligibility (age, disability, renal failure, etc.) applicable private insurance, etc.
- Pre-certification of necessary services for non-emergency medical admissions
- Efficient claims processing and turnaround time between billing and provider payment
- Monthly, quarterly, and annual reports to county detailing total billed charges, disallowed charges, charges paid, and total savings for the county.

MAS has partnered with Gulf Guaranty Employee Benefits Services, Inc., a Mississippi-domiciled Third-Party Administrator (TPA) to provide competent and efficient claims administration to member counties. Gulf Guaranty's claims auditors each have over 10 years experience in claims administration.

It's the law! During the 2010 Regular Session, members of MAS successfully lobbied the Mississippi Legislature to amend Section 47-5-901, Miss. Code Ann., to restrict medical costs for inmates to the Mississippi Medicaid reimbursement rate. House Bill 1111 read, in part:

"...medical care service providers will be paid...an amount no greater than the reimbursement rate applicable based on the Mississippi Medicaid reimbursement rate. The Board of Supervisors of any county shall not be liable for any cost...that exceeds the Mississippi Medicaid reimbursement rate." Mississippi Legislature, 2010 Regular Session



In the past 12 months, this program has saved Hinds County Mississippi over \$6 million on inmate medical costs. The chart at left shows where savings were realized.

- Disallowed Charges
- Re-pricing Discount
- Actual Paid Claims



Sign up:

- Contact MAS for initial sign up
- Administrator contacts your county for necessary contact information
- Administrator supplies Medical Claim Cards to your county

Submit:

- Present a claim card whenever an inmate visits a medical provider
- The medical provider submits bill directly to the Administrator

Save:

- The Administrator reviews the medical bills, reprices, and negotiates billed charges
- County will receive a detailed explanation of administrator's findings and savings