

MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDICAID

Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual

End of Inmate Status

Inmate status is not terminated until the individual is paroled, otherwise unconditionally and permanently released. Inmate status ends when the individual is no longer residing in a penal institution and is released from the penal system due to:

- End of sentence;
- Pardon;
- Probation or parole;
- Unconditional release.

Parole is the conditional release of an offender from prison before he or she has served the full sentence of the court; thereby, allowing the offender to serve a portion of the sentence in the community under supervision. Parole differs from probation in that most probationers have never been in prison for a felony conviction. The sentencing judge in such cases orders probation instead of a prison term.

Parole is distinguishable from the pardon process in that any convicted felon, including those that are not eligible for parole, may apply for pardon, restoration of citizenship rights or commutation (reduction) of sentence.

102.11.03 VERIFICATION OF INMATE STATUS

Verification sources for inmate status may include:

- State Department of Corrections
- Local prison/mental health authorities;
- Court documents;
- Court clerk for court which sentenced the individual;
- A representative of the prosecutor's or State's Attorney's office;
- Discharge arrangements and agreements between the individual and the penal/judicial authority.