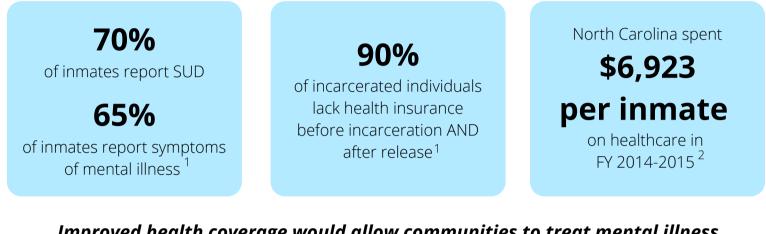
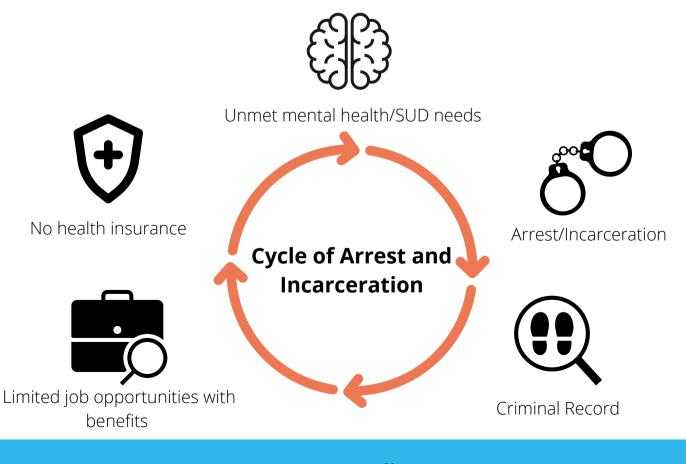


Closing the Coverage Gap and Public Safety

By closing the coverage gap, the federal government would cover much of county inmate health care expenses.



Improved health coverage would allow communities to treat mental illness and addiction rather than incarcerating people.¹



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Recidivism rates were HIGHER among individuals that identified having substance use problems compared to individuals that did not identify substance use problems.³

Savings from Closing the Coverage Gap for Public Safety² **Less spending on inmate health care** from ability to seek reimbursement for in-patient care in the community

Reduction in recidivism rates as a result of individuals' ability to seek treatment and services after release

Fewer new entrants into jails and prisons due to increased access to mental health and substance use services

By closing the health insurance coverage gap, North Carolina would have the ability to treat mental illness and addiction rather than incarcerating.¹

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