

## **Capitol Hill Briefing: The Intersection of Health and Justice: A Look Inside County Jails**

*Tuesday, March 3, 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.*

*485 Russell Senate Office Building*

In early 2019, the National Association of Counties (NACo) and National Sheriff's Association (NSA) formed a joint task force that examined the impact of the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion Policy (MIEP), a federal policy that strips federal health and veterans benefits from individuals upon admission to jail – not upon conviction. This policy has contributed to the national behavioral and mental health crisis as well as increased rates of recidivism in our local jails.

During this briefing, you will hear from key Congressional champions working to amend this federal policy and members of the task force, who will provide insights from the group's comprehensive report which will be released at the 2020 NACo Legislative Conference.

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