

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: HB362-DOC-PHC-4-6-2024
Title: PRISONER MED CARE MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT
Sponsor: PRAX
Requester: (H) State Affairs

Department: Department of Corrections
Appropriation: Health and Rehabilitation Services
Allocation: Physical Health Care
OMB Component Number: 2952

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2025 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2025 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2025						
Personal Services	***		***	***	***	***	***
Travel Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0						

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2024) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2025) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No

(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable; initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This proposed legislation amends AS 33.30.028 by adding a new subsection that limits the prisoner medical reimbursement rate a provider may charge to not exceed the Medicaid reimbursement rate established under the Title XIX, Social Security Act. This legislation also allows the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections (DOC) to enter into a contract for a higher rate of reimbursement.

Based on FY2023 expenditures, this legislation could result in a cost avoidance between approximately \$3.5M - \$4.0M in the next fiscal year. However, DOC has been experiencing increases to the fees for inmate medical services and the actual overall impact each year is dependent upon the number of individuals who would need outside services and the type of services provided. This legislation would also allow the Commissioner to approve rates higher than the Medicaid reimbursement rate. Due to this, DOC is unable to specify the amount of the fiscal impact and is, therefore, submitting an indeterminate fiscal note.