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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Chairs of House Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety

Chairs of Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Justice and Public Safety Chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety

FROM: W. David Guice, Commissioner

RE: Study 340B Drug Pricing Opportunities

DATE: February 12, 2015

## Pursuant to Session Law 2014-100, Section 16C.13.

The Department of Public Safety, Division of Adult Correction, shall study opportunities for the State to obtain savings under the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program on drugs provided to prisoners in State correctional facilities. The Division shall conduct this study in conjunction with the University of North Carolina Health Care System. The Department shall report the results of this study by December 1, 2014, to the chairs of (i) the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety, (ii) the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, and (iii) the Senate Appropriations Committee on Justice and Public Safety.

This is to provide you with an update regarding the 340B Drug Pricing Opportunities study, pursuant to Section 16C.13 of Session Law 2014-100. Due to the complexities of the study, and as it requires a cooperative effort between the Department of Public Safety and the University of North Carolina Health Care System, there has been a delay in the completion of the study. At this time the study is ongoing but not yet completed.

The Deputy Director of Health Services has been in contact with the University of North Carolina Health Care System and they are finalizing plans to complete the study. Once the study is fully completed, the report will be prepared and submitted as required in the Session Law, Section 16C.13 mentioned above. The required report will be completed and ready for submission by July 1, 2015.

Rest assured, we are making every effort to expedite this study and required report. Feel free to contact me regarding the study should you have any questions or concerns.

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