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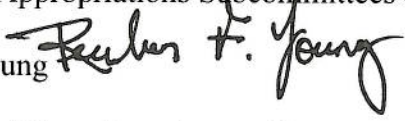
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Beverly Eaves Perdue, Governor

Reuben F. Young, Secretary

October 30, 2012

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

FROM: Reuben F. Young 

RE: Inmate Medical Cost Containment Report

Pursuant to Section 18.10 of Session Law 2011-145, the Division of Adult Correction is required to report on:

1. The volume of services provided by community medical providers that can be scheduled in advance and, of that volume, the percentage of those services that are provided by contracted providers.
2. The volume of services provided by community medical providers that cannot be scheduled in advance and, of that volume, the percentage of those services that are provided by contracted providers.
3. The volume of services provided by community medical providers that are emergent cases requiring hospital admissions and emergent cases not requiring hospital admissions.
4. The volume of inpatient medical services provided to Medicaid-eligible inmates, the cost of treatment, and the estimated savings of paying the nonfederal portion of Medicaid for the services.
5. The status of the Division's efforts to contract with hospitals to provide secure wards in each of the State's five prison regions.

This report is for hospitalizations of inmates which occurred from July 1, 2012 - September 30, 2012.

During this time period, there were 389 hospital admissions. Of these 389 admissions, 86% (334) were emergent and 14% (55) were scheduled. Further analysis of the 334 emergent admissions reveals that 56% (187) occurred at contracted hospitals, while 44% (147) were to non-contracted hospitals. With regards to the 55 scheduled admissions, 74% (41) were to contracted hospitals while 26% (14) were to non-contracted facilities. Overall, during this quarter, 59% (228) of admissions went to contracted facilities while the remaining 41% (161) went to non-contracted facilities.

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Figure 1 below shows the distribution of the emergent and scheduled hospital admissions from July 1 through September 30, 2012. (This figure is based on data currently available which may be updated after submission of this report.)

It is important to note that the total volume of cases for emergent care was 1425. Seventy-seven percent (77%) [1091] of these emergency room visits did not result in an admission; only 23% [334] of all emergency room visits resulted in an admission to a community hospital.

As of July 1, 2012, the number of Medicaid eligible cases was 863 and as of September 30, 2012 there were 1053 eligible unique hospitalizations. Therefore, the difference is 190. Based on the May 2012 Performance Audit, the average savings of each case is \$18,181.81. Using the audit's estimate as a guide, the savings from July 1 through September 30, 2012 would be approximately \$3,454,543.00. Members of Adult Correction within the Department of Public Safety are available if further information is requested.

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Figure 1: Distribution of Hospital Admissions July 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012

HOSPITAL	CONTRACT	NON- CONTRACT	Grand Total
1ST HEALTH-MOORE REG	29		29
ALBEMARLE HOSPITAL		2	2
ANNIE PENN MEMORIAL		4	4
ANSON COUNTY HOSP		6	6
BETSY JOHNSON MEM		9	9
CAR.MED.CENT.- UNION		10	10
CAROLINAEAST(CRAVEN)		8	8
CAROLINAS MED CTR NE		1	1
CAROLINAS MEDICAL CE		6	6
CATAWBA VALLEY MED.	37	1	38
COLUMBUS REGIONAL	2		2
DUKE RALEIGH HOSP.		11	11
DURHAM REGIONAL HOSP		5	5
FORSYTHE MEM HOSP		2	2
FRYE REG. MED. CEN.		1	1
HALIFAX MEMORIAL HOS	3	4	7
HIGH POINT REG HOSP		1	1
JOHNSTON MEM. HOSP		2	2

LORIS COMMUNITY HOSP		1	1
MEMORIAL MISSION HOS		8	8
NASH GENERAL HOSPITA		6	6
NC BAPTIST HOSPITALS		1	1
NEW HANOVER REG MED		9	9
PENDER MEM HOSP INC		4	4
PITT CO MEM HOSP	35		35
RANDOLPH HOSP INC	11		11
REX HOSPITAL	47		47
ROWAN REG. MED. CTR.		9	9
S EASTERN REG MED C	7		7
SAMPSON CTY MEM HOSP		1	1
SCOTLAND MEM HOSP		5	5
STANLY REG MED CENT		3	3
UNC HOSPITALS	53		53
WAKE MEDICAL CENTER		26	26
WAYNE MEMORIAL HOSP		4	4
MARIA PARHAM HOS INC		5	5
MOSES H CONE MEM HOS		1	1
ALLEGHANY MEM HOSP		1	1
GRACE HOSPITAL, INC.	4		4
LENOIR MEMORIAL HOSP		1	1
PUNGO DIST HOSP CORP		1	1
THOMASVILLE MED CTR		1	1
WATAUGA MEDICAL CENT		1	1
Grand Total	228	161	389