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HOUSE BILL 1030: 2016 Appropriations Act, Sec. 17C.2A: Medical Costs for Inmates and Juvenile Offenders

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Analysis of: Sec. 17C.2A of S.L. 2016-94

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OVERVIEW: *Sec. 17C.2A of S.L. 2016-94 amends the requirements relating to medical costs for inmates and juvenile offenders that the Department of Public Safety must report on to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety and the chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Committees on Justice and Public Safety. The report shall be submitted on November 1, 2016 and quarterly thereafter. This section also requires the Department of Public Safety to study whether contracts to provide inmate health services can be expanded to additional hospitals. The Department shall report the findings of its study to the chairs of the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations Committees on Justice and Public Safety no later than February 1, 2017. The report shall include a list of hospitals considered for expansion and reasons for or against expanding to each hospital.*

This section became effective July 1, 2016.

BILL ANALYSIS:

The following information must be included in the Department's initial and quarterly reports:

- The number of the total inmates and juvenile offenders requiring hospitalization or hospital services who receive that treatment at each hospital.
- The volume of scheduled and emergent services listed by hospital and, of that volume, the number of those services that are provided by contracted and noncontracted providers.
- The volume of scheduled and emergent admissions listed by hospital and, of that volume, the percentage of those services that are provided by contracted and noncontracted providers.
- The volume of inpatient medical services provided to Medicaid eligible inmates and juvenile offenders, the cost of treatment, the estimated savings of paying the nonfederal portion of Medicaid for the services, and the length of time between the date the claim was filed and the date the claim was paid.
- The status of the implementation of the claims processing system and efforts to address the backlog of unpaid claims.
- The hospital utilization, including the amount paid to individual hospitals, the number of inmates and juvenile offenders served, the number of claims, and whether the hospital was a contracted or noncontracted facility.

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- The total cost and volume for the previous fiscal quarter for emergency room visits originating from Central Prison and NCCIW Hospitals to UNC Hospitals, UNC Rex Healthcare, and WakeMed Hospital.
- The total payments for Medicaid and non-Medicaid eligible inmates to UNC Hospitals, UNC Rex Healthcare, and WakeMed Hospital, including the number of days between the date the claim was filed and the date the claim was paid.
- A list of hospitals under contract.

Reports made on August 1 must include totals for the previous fiscal year for all the information included.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This section became effective July 1, 2016.