2026 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB30 (Enrolled)

Department of Corrections

Item 389	First Year - FY2027	Second Year - FY2028
Prison Medical and Clinical Services (39700)	**$309,966,171**	**$311,874,997**
Offsite Healthcare Costs (39702)	$78,412,068	$79,012,094
Pharmaceutical Costs (39703)	$64,078,597	$65,112,071
Department of Corrections-managed Facility Healthcare Costs (39704)	$167,475,506	$167,750,832
Fund Sources:		
General	$307,092,706	$309,001,532
Special	$566,137	$566,137
Federal Trust	$2,307,328	$2,307,328

Authority: §§ 53.1-1, 53.1-5, 53.1-8, and 53.1-10, Code of Virginia.

A. Out of this appropriation, $2,300,040 the first year and $2,300,040 the second year from nongeneral funds is included for inmate medical costs. The source of the nongeneral funds is an award from the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, administered by the U.S. Department of Justice.

B. The Department of Corrections shall continue to coordinate with the Department of Medical Assistance Services and the Department of Social Services to enroll eligible inmates in Medicaid. To the extent possible, the Department of Corrections shall work to identify potentially eligible inmates on a proactive basis, prior to the time inpatient hospitalization occurs. Procedures shall also include provisions for medical providers to bill the Department of Medical Assistance Services, rather than the Department of Corrections, for eligible inmate inpatient medical expenses. Due to the multiple payor sources associated with inpatient and outpatient health care services, the Department of Corrections and the Department of Medical Assistance Services shall consult with the applicable provider community to ensure that administrative burdens are minimized and payment for health care services is rendered in a prompt manner.

C. Included in the appropriation for this item is funding for the first year and the second year from the general fund for six medical contract monitors. The persons filling these positions shall have the responsibility of closely monitoring the adequacy and quality of inmate medical services in Department of Corrections' facilities.

D. The workgroup convened pursuant to Item 390, Paragraph R of Chapter 854, 2019 Acts of Assembly, shall be continued. The workgroup shall annually report on the progress and outcomes of the university medical pilots authorized in this Item. The workgroup shall also examine the feasibility and costs of establishing partnerships with academic medical centers to: (i) perform utilization management review for evaluating the need for specialty medical care; and (ii) provide onsite care using medical center students and residents. The report shall be provided to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees no later than October 15 of each year.

E. The Department shall report on potential options for medical release or secure external nursing home options for elderly or high-cost claimants, including any associated fiscal impacts and public safety considerations, including eligible offenses, as well as practices used in other states. The Department shall provide its options and recommendations to the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees by October 15, 2026.