

**REPORT TO THE LESIGLATURE**  
**Pursuant to P.A. 154 of 2005**  
**Section 906 (1, 2)**  
**Medical Services Transportation**

The Department of Corrections continuously monitors Medical transportation to assure appropriateness. The result of this monitoring is that the vast majority of medical off-sites are appropriate and medically justified since they provide planned access to services for serious medical needs that have been identified by physicians but are beyond the scope of on-site service capabilities.

The Department has implemented a physician assistant on-call system at a number of prisons to provide on-site care rather than transporting a prisoner offsite on off-shifts, week-ends, or holidays. The Department has also examined Operations at Jackson to determine the best use of resources, reduce any unnecessary transportation.

The Department is working to expand sites of off-site provider care so that prisoners need only be transported to a nearby off-site facility for access to hospital and specialty care services rather than having to be transported to Jackson to receive it.