

**REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE**  
**Pursuant to P.A. 245 of 2008**  
**Section 804(2)**  
**Prisoner Off-Site Medical Care**

By April 1, 2009, the department shall report to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on corrections, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget director on prisoner receiving off-site inpatient medical care that would have received care in a state correctional facility if beds were available. The report shall include the number of prisoners receiving off-site inpatient medical care and average length of stay in an off-site facility during the period they would have received care in a state correctional facility if beds were available, by month and correctional facilities administration region.

The information to be reported is in reference to those prisoners who received off-site inpatient medical care that would have received care in a state correctional facility if beds were available. This is referred to as opportunity days. Opportunity days only occur in reference to those prisoners admitted to and are discharged from Allegiance Health (formerly Foote Hospital). The Department of Corrections is not charged for prisoners who remain at other community hospitals beyond a written discharge date due to the negotiated fees established with those hospitals. Specifically, Correctional Medical Services has a per diem rate negotiated with Allegiance Health. Every day a prisoner is at Allegiance Health results in a per day fee. All other hospitals are charging a Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) rate meaning, for example, if a prisoner is admitted with a diagnosis of appendicitis, if the community norm for length of for that diagnosis is four days (as established by the insurance carrier); four days will be the maximum that is charged. If the prisoner stays longer than the norm, those costs are absorbed by the hospital without monetary impact on the Department of Corrections. Therefore, the information reported below addresses those who were at Allegiance Health and reportedly stayed beyond the discharge date.

April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009 - only months which incurred opportunity days are listed:

Month	Total Number of:			Average Number of:
	Prisoners	Inpatient days	Opportunity days	Days beyond discharge
Sept. 2008	20	86	30	1.5
Oct. 2008	1	7	1	1
Dec. 2008	1	10	1	1

**NOTE:** During September 2008, the infirmary unit at the Huron Valley Complex was abruptly closed due to the critical shortage of health care staff. For operational necessity, 20 prisoners were transferred to Allegiance Health (formerly Foote Hospital).