

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
Pursuant to P.A. 245 of 2008
Section 809
Cooperated Efforts with MDCH for HIV and Hepatitis C

The department, in conjunction with efforts to implement the MPRI, shall cooperate with the MDCH to share data and information as they relate to prisoners being released who are HIV positive or positive for the hepatitis C antibody. 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 all of the following:

- (a) Programs and the location of programs implemented as a result of the work under this section.
- (b) The number of prisoners released to the community by parole, discharge on the maximum sentence, or transfer to community residential placement who are HIV positive, positive for the hepatitis C antibody, or both.
- (c) The number of offenders successfully referred to the local public health department, by county.

Part A

Hepatitis C Task Force

A 10-member Hepatitis C Task Force with representation from the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDOC) met with representatives from the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) for a series of meetings in 2008. Information was shared on the hepatitis C-related services currently being provided within the MDOC and MPRI, with the goal of looking at possible ways the Task Force, the MDCH, and the MDOC could work together to meet the needs of those who come into contact with the correctional system. Currently, a meeting is being scheduled with the MDCH's infectious disease specialist to discuss hepatitis C testing and treatment protocols, with additional follow-up planned.

Muskegon MPRI: Health Navigation Project

The purpose of the Muskegon MPRI Health Navigation Project is to provide offenders with the necessary support to access healthcare services to meet their often complex healthcare needs. The project consists of three core elements:

- Assessment
- Navigation
- Care Coordination

Prior to release, an assessment is done with each eligible offender to determine:

- Medical needs
- Urgency of care (i.e. hospice needs)
- Overall medical risk factors
- Dual diagnosis needs
- Security risk factors
- Placement viability
- Available community placements commensurate with medical and security factors

Following the assessment, a Healthcare Navigator meets with each prisoner in need of community-based healthcare services and designs an appropriate treatment plan. The Navigator ensures that benefit enrollment is completed and community-based placements and support services are secured.

Upon release, the coordination of care continues to ensure that the following activities are completed:

- Integration into other local MPRI activities (where possible) and access support community services through these networks
- Appointments are kept
- Pharmaceutical assistance is in place
- Other medical services are in place
- Link the parolee with faith-based organizations, where appropriate
- Link the parolee with education programs for disease management, where medically indicated
- Meet with the parolee in their housing for a period to be determined by their placement to ensure that care is being adequately provided
- Link with parole staff

Part B

Paroled/Discharged prisoners with a positive diagnosis for HIV, HEP C, or both

The numbers of prisoners paroled/discharged in 2008 with a positive diagnosis for HIV, HEP C, or both are:

HIV	HEP C	HIV/HEP C
165	942	7

Part C

The number of HIV/HEPC prisoners successfully referred to their local health department by county.

COUNTY	Totals
Other*	151
Alcona	1
Allegan	4
Alpena	2
Antrim	2
Arenac	1
Barry	5
Bay	7
Berrien	28
Branch	2
Calhoun	13
Cass	4
Charlevoix	2
Cheboygan	3
Chippewa	3
Clare	6
Crawford	2
Delta	1
Dickinson	6
Eaton	10
Emmet	2
Genesee	51
Gladwin	1
Gogebic	2
Grand Traverse	6
Gratiot	2
Saginaw	17
St. Clair	15
St. Joseph	2
Sanilac	1
Schoolcraft	1
Shiawassee	6
Newaygo	3

COUNTY	Totals
Hillsdale	5
Houghton	3
Ingham	22
Iosco	3
Jackson	27
Kalamazoo	34
Kalkaska	1
Kent	66
Lapeer	2
Lenawee	7
Livingston	13
Macomb	56
Manistee	2
Marquette	2
Mason	5
Menominee	3
Midland	2
Missaukee	15
Montcalm	3
Montmorency	31
Oakland	120
Oceana	2
Ogemaw	1
Osceola	2
Oscoda	1
Otsego	1
Ottawa	9
Tuscola	3
Vanburen	3
Washtenaw	26
Wayne	228
Wexford	1
Grand Total	1,061

*Out of State Parole, Parole to Custody