

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
Pursuant to P.A. 63 of 2011
Section 816
Pharmaceutical Expenditures

Sec. 816. By April 1, the department shall provide the members of the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on corrections, the senate and house fiscal agencies, the state budget director, and the legislative corrections ombudsman with a report on pharmaceutical expenditures and prescribing practices. In particular, the report shall provide the following information:

(a) A detailed accounting of expenditures on antipsychotic medications.

Year-to-Date expenditures for antipsychotic medications for October, 2011 to February, 2012 are \$1,575,353.10 Maxor replaced PharmaCorr as the pharmacy provider on January 1, 2012. The monthly breakdown of expenditures is:

PharmaCorr

October 2011 - \$327,022.29
November 2011 - \$288,039.08
December 2011 - \$323,149.28

Maxor

January 2012 - \$313,581.02
February 2012 - \$323,561.43

(b) Any changes that have been made to the prescription drug formularies.

The Michigan Department of Corrections, Bureau of Health Care Services maintains a Clinical Formulary reference book which was first approved on September 20, 2006 and most recently updated on March 21, 2012. The Clinical Formulary has been updated three times since the beginning of this current fiscal year. These occurred on October 26, 2011, December 14, 2011, and March 21, 2012. Updated memorandums are forwarded to: Regional Health Administrators; Regional Dental Directors; Regional Psychological Directors; Directors of Nursing; Health Unit Managers; Medical Practitioners; Mental Health Management; Pharmacy Technicians; Pharmacists; Corizon; Maxor.

(c) A progress report on the department's efforts to address various findings outlined in audit report 471-0325-09L issued in March 2011 by the Michigan office of the auditor general.

The Office of the Auditor General Performance Audit of Pharmaceutical Costs cited 14 recommendations for improvement, and much progress has been made over the past several months. Below are a brief description of the recommendations and a status of whether it has been implemented or if there are activities that are still being actively addressed. To obtain a

full copy of the report and the department's response, refer to their web page by copying these links and paste to your web browser:

<http://audgen.michigan.gov/comprpt/docs/r471032509L.pdf>
<http://audgen.michigan.gov/comprpt/docs/ap471032509L.pdf>

1. Implement measures to contain prescribing of high-cost, atypical antipsychotic medications.

Progress Update: Complete

2. Establish procedures and contract language to ensure that it can minimize pharmaceutical waste and maximize the cost savings benefit of returning unused medications to the contractor,

Progress Update: A new pharmacy contract was implemented January 2012, and the existing Operating Procedure is being updated to reflect the new process and procedures in the contract.

3. Implement sufficient controls over the medication refill process.

Progress Update: Additional technology is needed, and is still not available in the Corrections area. Exploration of what is available in other industries, and then adding a contract for further technological solutions is being planned by the Bureau of Health Care Services (BHCS).

4. Document the regional medical officer's approval for nonformulary drugs prescribed by health care professionals.

Progress Update: Complete

5. Establish controls to prevent the pharmacy contractor from dispensing duplicate medication orders for inmates housed at Duane Waters Health Center (DWH).

Progress Update: Complete

6. Require that prisoners have available funds to purchase their Over-the-Counter (OTC) medications from the prisoner store.

Progress Update: Complete. Please note that BHCS must provide medically necessary medications to prisoners including OTC regardless of available funds. BHCS has implemented cost saving measures with regard to OTCs.

7. Establish a process to verify that it receives all applicable rebates associated with pharmaceuticals purchased by DOC.

Progress Update: Complete

8. Ensure that its correctional facilities implement an effective process to verify the accuracy of pharmaceutical billings.

Progress Update: As part of the new Pharmacy contract scanning technology is available to confirm medications received at the facility. BHCS staff is updating their operating procedures to clarify how staff should perform, document, and retain the verification of billings to receipts and returns using new processes and technology available through the contract.

9. Establish an effective process to verify that the contractor provides pharmaceuticals to DOC correctional facilities at the same price as the contractor's actual acquisition cost.

Progress Update: Complete

10. Establish sufficient controls related to receiving, maintaining, and distributing prisoner medications.

Progress Update: Complete

11. Ensure that sufficient controls are established at its facilities for the return and disposal of unused or expired medications.

Progress Update: The new Pharmacy contract established a statewide reverse distributor for disposal of controlled substances. The Third Party Review contract was used to complete a facility audit which reviewed compliance and controls over unused and expired medications. BHCS continues to work on operating procedures at DWH for the control of medications that are transferred with prisoners to DWH, so that the medications can be used by the prisoners upon their admission into DWH.

12. Maintain proper control and accountability over State-owned inventories of stock pharmaceuticals.

Progress Update: Complete

13. Ensure that proper internal controls are established and followed by health care staff for controlled substance medication inventories within its correctional facilities.

Progress Update: Complete

14. Ensure that facilities comply with DOC operating procedures regarding inventory controls over medication boxes.

Progress Update: Complete