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Demographics

- 9th largest state in overall population
- 5th largest prison population
- ~55,000 Offenders in prisons
- ~145,000 Probationers
- 94% male and 6% female
- 62%: age 25-45 years of age (chronologic)
- 50%: > 35 years old
- 120 facilities
  - 31 Prisons
  - Others: County/Private Prisons, Transitional/Day Reporting Centers, Probation Detention Centers, Boot Camps
- Constitutionally Mandated Healthcare
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Offender Demographics

- 37% of the inmate population has a significant chronic illness
- 17% of the population receives Mental Health services
- Increased acute and chronic disease:
  - HIV
  - Hepatitis C
  - Mental Illness
  - Cardiac
  - COPD
  - Cancer
- Physiologic age > Chronologic age
  - Drug use
  - Life style factors: smoking, alcohol, nutrition, activity
  - Minimal/ No healthcare: medical/ dental/ mental health
  - Accelerated chronic diseases
- Increased Aged, Blind, Disabled (ABD)
- Older age at admission: average 33.2 years of age
- Older age of population: average 36 years of age
FY 2013

>35 years of age = 54% population = 75% claims
>50 years of age = 18% population = 47% claims
>65 years of age = 2% population = 8% claims

➢ 65 years of age average claim cost = $3591

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< 65 years of age average claim cost = $591
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Inmate Health Budget by Year

Budgeted Per Diem

Covered Population by year

FY'09: 48,464
FY'10: 48,182
FY'11: 46,791
FY'12: 46,094
FY'13: 45,270
FY'14: 45,110
FY'15: 45,110
Health Care Operations Overview

- Summary of Health Care Benefits
  - Reviewed by Office of the Attorney General
  - Provides a framework for “Constitutional Healthcare”
- Preventive Care
  - Health Assessment
  - Disease State Management (Chronic Illness Clinics)
- Utilization Management
  - Pre-authorization/Concurrent Review / Discharge Planning
- Pharmacy Benefits Management
  - P&T Committee
  - Formulary / Co-pay / 340b pricing purchases
- Network Management
  - Hospitals / Physicians
  - Ancillary Services: DME, prostheses, PT/OT, rehab
- Medical Reprieve / Compassionate Release Process
- Tele-medicine / Tele-Psych
- Modular Surgery Unit
- Hospital Forensic Unit: 22 beds
Challenges

• “Graying” of the inmate population
  • Physical incapacity and immobility
  • Progressive degenerative illnesses
• Increased concentration of chronic illness
• Diminishing funds for healthcare budget
• Increased liability as funding diminishes
• Increased Mental Health needs
  • Dementia / Depression / Psychosis / Disruptive Behavior
  • Cost of psychotropic medications
• Barriers to Re-Entry
  • Transition of medical care to appropriate providers
  • Vocational certification and employment opportunities
  • Residence restrictions
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Recommendations

• 340b pricing availability for Departments of Corrections

• Establish Guidelines for Potential Impact on Departments of Corrections regarding the Affordable Care Act

• Electronic Health Record Exchange

• Expand Federal Funding Participation for Inmate Eligibility