



SB 843
Correctional Health Care Costs
Work Group

October 20, 2014



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Background

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- Senate Bill 843 (2013) created a Workgroup to address rising health care costs within the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC).
- House Bill 4157 (2014) established a continuation of the Workgroup's efforts.
- The Legislature asked the Workgroup to recommend and prioritize legislative concepts.
- An initial SB 843 Workgroup report was completed and submitted in January 2014. This subsequent report is a result from new testimony, further research, and additional analysis of the Workgroup's recommendations.



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- **The Workgroup resumed meeting in April 2014 and held five public meetings on the following dates:**
 - April 14, 2014
 - June 9, 2014
 - July 28, 2014
 - September 8, 2014
 - October 20, 2014



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- **Implement an Electronic Health Records System that best fits the needs of the department.**
 - *Recommendation: Adopted.*
 - *Implementation: Underway.*
 - *Legislative Action: Policy Package.*

- **Introduce legislative remedies for HB 2087 to enable suspension vs. termination of Medicaid eligibility.**
 - *Recommendation: Adopted.*
 - *Implementation: Underway.*
 - *Legislative Action: Legislative Concept.*



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- **Create a case management program with health classifications and clinical guidelines.**
 - *Recommendation: Under consideration.*
 - *Implementation: Under consideration.*
 - *Legislative Action: None.*

- **Explore the prison-to-community connection for all aspects of health care.**
 - *Recommendation: Adopted.*
 - *Implementation: Complete.*
 - *Legislative Action: Policy Package.*



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- **Conduct a nutritional review of food and associated costs.**
 - *Recommendation: Under consideration.*
 - *Implementation: Under consideration.*
 - *Legislative Action: None.*

- **Explore providing healthier food options through commissary and associated impacts to health care, as well as the safety and security of prisons.**
 - *Recommendation: Some implemented, others under consideration.*
 - *Implementation: Underway, with further consideration to some recommendations.*
 - *Legislative Action: None.*



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- **Explore early mental health intervention to prevent incarceration, including mental health courts for both DOC and OYA populations.**
 - *Recommendation: Addressed elsewhere.*
 - *Implementation: Addressed elsewhere.*
 - *Legislative Action: None.*

- **Proposed legislation to prohibit insurance companies from terminating insurance coverage while individuals are incarcerated in state prison and county jails.**
 - *Recommendation: Assess in the future.*
 - *Implementation: None.*
 - *Legislative Action: None (at this time).*



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- **Consider legislatively-mandated exercise programs.**
 - ▣ *Recommendation: Continue with voluntary.*
 - ▣ *Implementation: Complete.*
 - ▣ *Legislative Action: None.*

- **Analyze possible Early Parole Release restructure.**
 - ▣ *Recommendation: Under consideration.*
 - ▣ *Implementation: Possible reassessment.*
 - ▣ *Legislative Action: Required, if action taken.*



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- **Explore health incentive programs for adults in custody.**
 - *Recommendation: Adopted.*
 - *Implementation: Some in place now, more being considered.*
 - *Legislative Action: None.*

- **Track and measure health care coverage upon release.**
 - *Recommendation: Adopted.*
 - *Implementation: Complete.*
 - *Legislative Action: None.*



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- **Identify the benefits and issues with potentially performing mandatory Hepatitis C testing for all adults in custody at Intake.**
 - ▣ *Recommendation: Under consideration.*
 - ▣ *Implementation: Under consideration.*
 - ▣ *Legislative Action: None.*

- **Legislative effort to research recruiting health care providers in rural parts of the state. DOC, OYA, and OHA have facilities across the state and would benefit from this.**
 - ▣ *Recommendation: Under consideration.*
 - ▣ *Implementation: Under consideration.*
 - ▣ *Legislative Action: Possible, if beneficial.*



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- **Investigate the benefits and issues of allowing tattooing for adults in custody.**
 - ▣ *Recommendation: Under consideration.*
 - ▣ *Implementation: Under consideration.*
 - ▣ *Legislative Action: None.*



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Final Wrap-Up Items

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