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**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

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The Honorable Kirk Pearson, Vice Chair  
Senate Human Services & Corrections Committee

The Honorable Randi Becker, Chair  
Senate Health Care Committee

The Honorable Roger Goodman, Chair  
House Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee

The Honorable Eileen Cody, Chair  
House Health Care & Wellness Committee

Dear Legislators:

The Department of Corrections is pleased to submit the annual report to the Legislature on copayments assessed for specific health care services provided to incarcerated offenders.

As specified in RCW 72.10.020 (3) (a), the report on copayments includes the following information for Fiscal Year 2012:

(3)(a)(i)	Total number of health care visits* made by offenders:	311,929
(3)(a)(ii)	Total number of copayments assessed:	21,393
(3)(a)(iii)	Total dollar amount of copayments collected:	\$31,705
(3)(a)(iv)	Total number of copayments not collected due to offender indigency**:	12,452
(3)(a)(v)	Total number of visits not assessed a copayment for health services rendered:	290,536

\* *health care visits include primary medical, mental health (not copayable) and dental visits*

\*\* *copayments not collected at time of service become debt on offender account*

Please note that HB 2803, enacted in the 2012 Legislative session, increased the copay amount to \$4 per visit. The legislation also changed which visits are assessed a copay. These changes took effect in early Fiscal Year 2013.

Please contact Kevin Bovenkamp, Acting Assistant Secretary Health Services, at (360) 725-8729 if further clarification is needed.

Sincerely,

Bernard Warner  
Secretary

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cc: Members of Senate Human Services & Corrections Committee  
 Members of House Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee  
 Members of Senate Health Care Committee  
 Members of House Health Care & Wellness Committee  
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**Department of Corrections  
 Copayment Data  
 Fiscal Year 2012**

	<b>Medical</b>	<b>Dental</b>	<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total Number of Health Care Visits*</b> This is the total number of face-to-face visits for medical, dental and mental health primary care.	110,719	42,388	158,822	311,929
<b>Total Number of Health Care Visits Assessed a Copayment</b>	13,422 (12% of all visits)	7,759 (18% of all visits)	212 (0.1% of all visits)	21,393 (6.9% of all visits)
<b>Total Number of Health Care Visits NOT Assessed a Copayment</b>	97,297 (88% of all visits)	34,629 (82% of all visits)	158,610 (99.9% of all visits)	290,536 (93.1% of all visits)
<b>Total Copayments Assessed for Health Services</b>	\$41,861	\$23,616	\$848	\$66,325
<b>Total Dollar Amount Collected from the Copayment Program</b>	\$19,129 (46% of copays amount assessed)	\$12,255 (52% of copays amount assessed)	\$321 (38% of copays amount assessed)	\$31,705 (48% of copays amount assessed)
<b>Total Number of Copayments Not Collected due to Offender Indigency**</b>	8,071 (60% of copays assessed visits)	4,238 (55% of copays assessed visits)	143 (67% of copays assessed visits)	12,452 (58% of copays assessed visits)

\* DOC policy exempts mental health visits from copayments.

\*\* When an offender is indigent or has insufficient funds at the specific time a copayment is assessed, a debt is established. This debt is either for the total amount of \$3.00, or for the balance after partial payment is collected. The amount due is to be paid at a later time when/if a deposit is made into the offender's account. Inmate banking does not have the capability to determine which part of debt repayment over a period of time is specifically applied to copayment debt.