



North Carolina Department of Public Safety

Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety

FROM: Erik A. Hooks, Secretary *E.A.H.*
Todd E. Ishee, Commissioner of Prisons *TI*

RE: Contract for local purchases of limited quantities of medicine for inmates

DATE: November 1, 2019

The Department shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety by November 1, 2019, on its efforts to award the contract required under subsection 4(a) of Session Law 2018-143.

Section 4.(a) states “the [DPS] Health Services Section shall adopt a statewide reimbursement for local purchases of limited quantities of medicine. The statewide reimbursement rate shall be based on the North Carolina State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees reimbursement rate for prescription drugs. Any pharmacy willing to accept the statewide reimbursement rate shall have the right to participate in the plan.”

The Department of Public Safety has been in the process of developing a Request for Proposal (RFP) in an effort to seek secondary pharmacy services for Prisons. As of October 24, 2019, the draft RFP was in the process of being finalized by DPS. Subsequently, the RFP will be sent to the Department of Administration’s Division of Purchasing and Contract (P&C) for review and approval.

The Department of Public Safety will provide a finalized copy of the RFP to members of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety once State P&C has approved and it has been posted publicly.

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