



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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<b>Subject</b> Copayment for inmates for medical care		

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The Department of Corrections currently requires juvenile and adult offenders residing in secured correctional facilities to pay a medical copayment for medical or dental services. The current medical copayment charge is \$2.50 and reflects statutory language which prohibits the department from charging less than that amount. This bill proposes raising the minimum charge to \$4.00.

In FY01 the Department collected \$117,500 in revenue generated from the medical co-payment. At \$2.50 per service, this would represent payment for approximately 47,000 incidences of service that received payment. If the number of medical/dental visits remained constant and the \$4.00/visit rate received the same approximate rate of payment, the revenue could increase to \$188,000 per year or an increase of \$70,500 in revenues. However, an increase in the copayment fee may result in reduced visits or a reduced rate of payment for these medical visits.

Due to the uncertainty of the impact of this rate increase, it is not possible to predict the fiscal impact of this legislation.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications