

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
Pursuant to P.A. 124 of 2007
Section 804(2)
Prisoner Off-Site Medical Care

The information reported is in reference to prisoners who received off-site inpatient medical care whom would have received care in a state correctional facility if transition beds were available. This is referred to as opportunity days which only occurs for the Secure Unit at Foote Hospital located in Jackson. Foote Hospital, unlike other hospitals, has a negotiated per diem rate. Every day a prisoner is at Foote Hospital results in a per day fee.

All other hospitals are charging a Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) rate meaning, for example, if a prisoner is admitted with a diagnosis of appendicitis, if the community norm for length of stay for that diagnosis is four days (as established by the insurance carrier); four days will be the maximum amount that is charged regardless of the length of stay.

Therefore, the information reported below addresses prisoners who were at Foote Hospital and reportedly stayed beyond the discharge date:

Month	Number of prisoners	Number of inpatient days	Number of opportunity days*	Average # of days beyond discharge
January	19	119	30	1.6
February	13	108	18	1.4
March	16	148	27	1.7

*NOTE: For the past seven weeks, the number of opportunity days has been zero as a result of prisoners being returned from Foote Hospital on the date of discharge.