

**Updated Information on Mental  
Health Services in Jails and  
Medicaid Payments for Community  
Hospitalization of State Inmates**

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Selected Data on Mental Health Services  
from the Compensation Board's  
*Mental Health Services in Jails Report (2014)*

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## Number of Inmates with Mental Illness in Virginia Jails

Year	Number of Inmates with Mental Illness
2014	6,787
2013	6,346
2012	6,322
2011	6,481
2010	4,867
2009	4,278
2008	4,879

Source: 2014 Compensation Board report, p. 5.

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## Hours of Treatment Provided

Provider	Hours
CSB Staff	9,553
Private Contractors	3,700
Jail Mental Health Staff	1,715
Psychiatrists	1,125
Medical Doctors	309

Source: 2014 Compensation Board report, Figure 7 on page 12.

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## Types of Treatment Provided

Treatment Type	Hours
Individual Counseling	4,045
Group Substance Abuse Treatment	1,736
Other Individual or Group Treatment	1,265
Group Counseling	954

Source: 2014 Compensation Board report, Figure 10 on page 14.

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## Psychotropic Medication

“During July 2014...8,894 prescriptions for psychotropic medications dispensed in local and regional jails....There were 422 fewer distributed medications reported in 2014 than in 2013 (9,316). A total of 606 jail inmates with mental illness refused psychotropic medication. This is 8.93% of the mentally ill population [of 6,787].”

Medication -Type Dispensed	
Antidepressant	44%
Antipsychotic	26%
Mood stabilizer	17%
Antianxiety	13%

Source: 2014 Compensation Board Report, pages 16 and 17.

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## Medicaid Payments for Community Hospitalization of State Inmates

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### Medicaid Regulations to Allow DOC Director to Sign Medicaid Applications (2015 Appropriations Act, Item 384 J.2)

- Federal Medicaid policy does not allow the Appropriations Act mandate to be implemented.
  - DMAS staff received guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that while an individual may designate another individual or an organization to serve as an authorized representative, 42 CFR 435.932 does not allow for blanket authority without the individual's consent.
    - Furthermore, an individual cannot be compelled to apply for Medicaid.

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## Medicaid Expenditures and Policy Revision

- Expenditures for inpatient hospital care in the community for DOC inmates September 2014 through June 2015: \$2,347,583.82 (one-half in federal funding)
- Six jails have expressed interest in Medicaid coverage for inpatient hospital services in the community.
  - Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail, Riverside Regional Jail, Southside Regional Jail, and Western Virginia Regional Jail
  - Newport News Jail and Virginia Beach Jail
- State Medicaid policy “now requires a partial review of eligibility when an individual, enrolled in Medicaid prior to incarceration and who subsequently becomes incarcerated, in order to determine if he or she would continue to be eligible for Medicaid payment. Such payment would now be limited to inpatient hospitalizations while incarcerated.”