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The Honorable James Hargrove, Chair
Senate Human Services & Corrections Committee

The Honorable Karen Keiser, Chair
Senate Health & Long-Term Care Committee

The Honorable Christopher Hurst, Chair
House Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee

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

Dear Legislators:

This letter constitutes the Department of Corrections' 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:

(3)(a)(i)	Total number of health care visits* made by offenders:	308,914
(3)(a)(ii)	Total number of copayments assessed:	20,607
(3)(a)(iii)	Total dollar amount of copayments collected:	\$31,779
(3)(a)(iv)	Total number of copayments not collected due to offender indigency**:	11,320
(3)(a)(v)	Total number of copayments not assessed for health services rendered:	288,307

* *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 contact Susan Lucas, Acting Assistant Secretary Health Services, at (360) 725-8270 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 & Long-Term Care Committee
Members of House Health Care & Wellness Committee
Susan Lucas, Acting Assistant Secretary, Health Services Division, DOC
Alan Haskins, Acting Budget Director, DOC
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**Department of Corrections
Copayment Data
Fiscal Year 2011**

	Medical	Dental	Mental Health	Total
Total Number of Health Care Visits* <i>This is the total number of face-to-face visits for medical, dental and mental health primary care.</i>	104,470	42,858	161,586	308,914
Total Number of Health Care Visits Assessed a Copayment	12,802 (12% of all visits)	7,805 (18% of all visits)	0 (0% of all visits)	20,607
Total Number of Health Care Visits NOT Assessed a Copayment	91,668 (88% of all visits)	35,053 (82% of all visits)	161,586 (100% of all visits)	288,307
Total Copayments Assessed for Health Services	\$38,409	\$23,415	\$0	\$61,824
Total Dollar Amount Collected from the Copayment Program	\$18,874 (49% of copays assessed)	\$12,905 (55% of copays assessed)	\$0	\$31,779 (51% of copays assessed)
Outstanding Total Dollar Amount of Copayments Not Collected at time of Svc/Debt Created **	\$19,534 (51% of copays assessed)	\$10,509 (45% of copays assessed)	\$0	\$30,043 (49% of copays assessed)

* 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.