



1 Section 627. A. It shall be the responsibility of the  
2 Department of Corrections to provide such medical and surgical  
3 inpatient and outpatient care as may be required by inmates of the  
4 Department of Corrections. The Department may refer to the Oklahoma  
5 University Medical Center, and the Oklahoma University Medical  
6 Center shall accept, those inmates who need services, as determined  
7 by the Department of Corrections to be beyond the professional  
8 capabilities of the Department of Corrections.

9 B. The Department of Corrections may also contract with  
10 providers of general inpatient hospital services. Any such provider  
11 shall be a hospital as defined in Section 1-701 of Title 63 of the  
12 Oklahoma Statutes. The Department of Corrections may also contract  
13 with physicians and other providers of inpatient and outpatient  
14 health care services, equipment and health care related products as  
15 may be necessary for the delivery of health care which is beyond the  
16 professional capabilities of the Department of Corrections.

17 C. When the Department of Corrections determines the medical  
18 necessity for urgent hospitalization of an inmate, an appropriate  
19 inpatient hospital in close proximity to the correctional facility  
20 shall be used for emergency care and stabilization. The Department  
21 of Corrections is authorized to develop a network of inpatient  
22 hospitals, physicians and other inpatient and outpatient medical  
23 providers that are capable of providing necessary health care

1 services, equipment and other health care related products. Those  
2 hospitals, physicians and other inpatient and outpatient providers  
3 of health care services and products that are in the network  
4 established by the Department of Corrections in conjunction with the  
5 Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board shall  
6 be reimbursed according to the current fee schedule established for  
7 that network; ~~provided however, reimbursement shall be no less than~~  
8 ~~the fee structure in effect on January 1, 2007, or the current fee~~  
9 ~~schedule, whichever is greater.~~ Hospitals and inpatient and  
10 outpatient providers that are out-of-network shall be reimbursed  
11 according to the current Oklahoma Medicaid fee schedule; ~~provided~~  
12 ~~however, reimbursement shall be no less than the fee structure in~~  
13 ~~effect on January 1, 2007, or the current fee schedule, whichever is~~  
14 ~~greater.~~

15 D. The Department of Corrections shall be responsible for  
16 transporting to, from, and between hospitals and for providing such  
17 physical security of inmate consumers as may be required beyond that  
18 security normal to hospital operation. The Department of  
19 Corrections shall immediately remove from the hospital those inmate  
20 consumers when discharged by the hospital.

21 E. The hospital services provided by the Oklahoma University  
22 Medical Center shall be without cost to the Department of  
23 Corrections.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.

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