

JJ&RA - SPECIAL COMMITMENT CENTER
 SCC Health Services



2015-17 BIENNIAL BUDGET

Reduction Option	FY16	FY17	15-17
FTE	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)
GF-State	(893,000)	(893,000)	(1,786,000)
Total	(893,000)	(893,000)	(1,786,000)

REDUCTION OPTION SUMMARY

As required by 2015-17 Biennial Budget Instructions, the Juvenile Justice and Rehabilitation Administration (JJRA), Special Commitment Center (SCC) is submitting the following reduction option that would reduce client services for 281 residents. By implementing this reduction, SCC may experience adverse impacts in the ability to support medical and dental care for residents.

REDUCTION OPTION DETAIL

SCC provides health services to SCC residents as required by statute. As part of meeting this requirement, the SCC operates a Health Services Clinic (HSC) which is staffed with a medical director, licensed/certified staff and contracted healthcare professionals. The clinic operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week (24/7).

The aging SCC population has increased the need for immediate medical and dental support. SCC residents present a wide variety of complex, acute and chronic conditions. Services provided by the HSC include:

- Development of protocols and clinic procedures
- Preventative health care and patient education
- Physical, psychiatric and dental examinations and assessments
- Diagnoses
- Plans for medical and dental treatment
- Trauma response, including stabilization and emergency medical evacuation support
- Coordination of all escorted medical leaves

To minimize risk to the state, contracted services will be cut in lieu of FTE reductions above those identified in this reduction option. However, the loss of three FTEs is significant. The impacts will be:

- Decreased ability to provide adequate 24/7 care
- Increase in potential resident hospitalizations
- Increase in off-island medical and dental care



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- Increased need for off-island transport for outpatient and inpatient care that is not supportable by existing staffing levels and vehicle resources
- Increase in potential resident litigation

This reduction will exacerbate the adverse impacts of past budget reductions that resulted in the loss of health care administrative and social worker FTEs. The loss of social workers impacted clinical treatment and was reflected in the Inspection of Care (IOC) as an adverse finding. Difficulties with completing health care reports on a timely basis may increase. The reduction will serve as an impediment to attainment of Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) strategic initiatives.

Although this is a partial reduction, it is significant given previous budget reductions and loss of FTEs and services. Residents may experience diminished access to a broad range of support activities key to mitigation of mental health issues and safe reintegration of residents to the community.

This action will not result in reduction of federal funding but may result in significantly increasing the risk of a new federal injunctive action being filed.

The reduction will be spread over two fiscal years and may be achieved through attrition. If the reductions are required at the beginning of each fiscal year, then required notifications of termination will be forwarded within the last month of the preceding fiscal year.

STAKEHOLDER IMPACT

Key stakeholders include defense attorneys for the SCC residents, Attorney General, and independent review organizations. All stakeholders may experience a significant increase in activity to mitigate potential adverse findings of external findings from assessments as well as court-ordered actions to address resident support requirements that are unmet as a result of decreased mandated support.



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