



Health Care Costs

HEALTH CARE COST SUMMARY - Fiscal Year 2002-2003

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Regional Contract Costs	\$ 91,584,000
Medical Personnel Costs (includes medical records staff and nurses)	\$ 44,101,000
Dental Personnel Costs	\$ 6,454,000
Other Costs (administrative, fixed assets, etc.)	\$ 11,434,000
Total Cost	\$ 153,573,000

Cost Increases

Year	Total Health Care Cost	Average Daily Health Cost Per Inmate
FY 1998-1999	\$ 124,701,000	\$ 9.58
FY 1999-2000	\$ 128,310,000	\$ 9.81
FY 2000-2001	\$ 137,291,000	\$ 10.44
FY 2001-2002	\$ 147,241,000	\$ 10.87
FY 2002-2003	\$ 153,573,000	\$ 10.73

COMPARISON OF SPECIALIZED INSTITUTIONS TO NON-SPECIALIZED INSTITUTIONS

SCI Laurel Highlands

SCI Laurel Highlands provides skilled and personal care services for the inmate population requiring this level of care. The current long term care capacity is 254 long term care beds (111 skilled care and 143 personal care). Long term care includes skilled nursing and skilled rehabilitation services. Long term care is performed by or under the direct supervision of skilled nursing or rehabilitative personnel. The daily activities of this population require constant intervention and monitoring by the medical staff. Inmates in personal care need assistance with activities of daily living and verbal cues and prompting.

The Forensic Treatment Center (FTC) at SCI Waymart

The FTC is a 120 bed psychiatric hospital licensed by the PA Department of Welfare's Office of Mental Health.

Expenditures for these institutions are higher due to specialized services, such as intensive psychiatric interventions, psychotropic medications, skilled nursing care, Hospice, dialysis, and rehabilitative services.

	Institution Population (as of 12/31/03)	Average Age	Number of Nursing Staff
SCI Laurel Highlands	878	44	87
SCI Waymart	1,366	43	61
Average Other SCI's	1,570	35	22

"Our mission is to protect the public by confining persons committed to our custody in safe, secure facilities, and to provide opportunities for inmates to acquire the skills and values necessary to become productive law-abiding citizens; while respecting the rights of crime victims."

Health Care Costs for 2002-03

	Personnel	Regional Contract	Total Health Care Cost	Annual Health Care Cost Per Inmate	Average Daily Cost Per Inmate
Laurel Highlands	\$4,562,000	\$5,093,000	\$9,824,000	\$13,682	\$37.49
Waymart	\$5,842,000	\$3,747,000	\$9,730,000	\$7,261	\$19.89
Average all SCI's	\$57,103,000	\$91,584,000	\$150,868,000	\$3,848	\$10.54

The \$3,848 annual health care cost per inmate provides for comprehensive care including: hospitalization, specialty care, dental, vision, pharmacy, preventative care, and psychiatric care.

The average annual cost of private Blue Cross and Blue Shield is \$3,022, though that cost may be as high as \$6,634. This includes hospitalization, specialty care, preventive care, pharmacy, and psychiatric care. It does not include vision and dental and there are deductibles that must be met.