

INMATE HEALTH CARE

Reimbursement rates ► Include language in the Appropriation Act directing the Virginia Department of Corrections (VADOC) to design a pilot project that would test the feasibility and assess the impact of using lower rates, potentially based on Medicare rates, for physician and outpatient services. VADOC should submit the pilot project design to the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees, and implement the pilot project no later than 2021. (Recommendation 1)

Enhanced academic partnerships ► Include language in the Appropriation Act directing the Virginia Department of Corrections, VCU Health Authority, and the University of Virginia Health System to develop and implement a plan to treat inmates with chronic conditions that require long-term or high-cost prescription drugs through a 340B-eligible provider. (Recommendation 2)

Enhanced academic partnerships ► Include language in the Appropriation Act directing the Virginia Department of Corrections and the VCU Health Authority to undertake a pilot project to provide clinical pharmacy services to a specific population of inmates. (Recommendation 3)

Enhanced academic partnerships ► Include language in the Appropriation Act directing the initiation of a pilot partnership program for a university health system to provide comprehensive medical care for at least one Virginia Department of Corrections (VADOC) facility. The program should be jointly developed by (i) the director of VADOC; (ii) the chief executive officer of the VCU Health System; and (iii) the executive vice president for health affairs at the University of Virginia. The plan should be submitted to the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees no later than November 1, 2020. (Recommendation 11)

OPTION Reducing number of inmates requiring healthcare ► Amend Title 53.1 of the Code of Virginia to allow inmates to petition the Virginia Parole Board for conditional release based on serious illness. (Option 1)