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REPORT SUMMARY

Performance Audit

Prisoner Transportation

Department of Corrections

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Within the Department of Corrections (DOC), the Correctional Facilities Administration is responsible for facility operation, including prisoner transportation services. DOC's goal is to provide the greatest amount of public protection while making the most efficient use of the State's resources.

Audit Objective:
To assess the effectiveness of DOC's efforts to manage prisoner transportation costs.

Audit Conclusion:
We concluded that DOC's efforts to manage prisoner transportation costs were moderately effective. We noted five reportable conditions (Findings 1 through 5).

Reportable Conditions:
DOC had not developed a standardized method to identify, account for, document, and report prisoner transportation activity (Finding 1).

DOC had not fully implemented its computerized prisoner transportation system to prioritize, schedule, route, and coordinate its prisoner transportation services (Finding 2).

DOC had not established a central transportation coordinator, with the appropriate level of authority, to work with the regional transportation hubs, the individual facility transfer coordinators, and the medical and records office staff at each facility (Finding 3).

DOC should continue to seek the cooperation of the State Court Administrative Office and its medical service providers to fully use existing technology to conduct videoconferencing for court and medical appointments (Finding 4).

DOC had not fully implemented DOC's internal control assessment recommendations, DOC's transportation committee recommendations, or the prior Office of the Auditor General audit report recommendations (Finding 5).

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Agency Response:

Our audit report includes 5 findings and 5 corresponding recommendations. DOC's preliminary response indicated that it agrees at least in part with all of the recommendations and that it has complied or is in the process of complying with them.

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