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Report Summary

Performance Audit

Prisoner Transportation

Department of Corrections (DOC)

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DOC's mission for prisoner transportation is to conduct departmentwide transportation that is both efficient and effective while ensuring a safe environment for staff, prisoners, and Michigan citizens. DOC transports prisoners for four reasons: interfacility transfers, medical trips, court appearances, and Field Operations Administration (FOA) transfers (parole, probation, and parole violators). Prisoner transportation costs in fiscal year 2015 were \$24.0 million. As of July 8, 2015, DOC had 137 vehicles. During fiscal year 2015, DOC completed 26,247 court, medical, transfer, and FOA runs.

Audit Objective			Conclusion
Objective: To assess the efficiency and effectiveness of DOC's efforts to manage prisoner transportation costs.			Moderately efficient and moderately effective
Findings Related to This Audit Objective	Material Condition	Reportable Condition	Agency Preliminary Response
DOC did not ensure that corrections transportation officers (CTOs) consistently documented prisoner transportation activity. Key information, such as departure times, prisoner counts, and reason for transportation, was missing from trip sheets making it difficult for DOC to comprehensively monitor prisoner transportation (<u>Finding #1</u>).		X	Agrees
DOC did not consistently document CTO activity for when CTOs were not transporting prisoners. DOC could not support 19% of the 18,871 scheduled hours or 60% of the 3,643 undocumented hours identified in our review (<u>Finding #2</u>).		X	Agrees
DOC needs to ensure that it accurately accounts for all prisoner transportation costs. Costs for corrections officers to transfer prisoners were excluded while costs for CTOs to work inside facilities were included in transportation costs, making it difficult to accurately calculate the true transportation costs (<u>Finding #3</u>).		X	Agrees

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