

Deduction of Inmate Money for Destruction of Property and Certain Medical Expenses

Included in the Department of Corrections' (SCDC) July 22, 2020 letter to the House Legislative Oversight Committee (LOC). This information was provided in response to the following question in LOC's June 25, 2020, letter to the Department of Corrections:

1. Please communicate with the Association of Counties and Jail Administrator's Association, which are copied on this correspondence, to obtain a list of local facilities that engage in one or more of the following activities, which are authorized in S.C. Code Section 24-13-80:
 - a. reasonable deduction from money credited to the account of an inmate to repay the costs of:
 - i. public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;
 - ii. medical treatment for injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others;
 - iii. searching for and apprehending the inmate when he escapes or attempts to escape. The costs must be limited to those extraordinary costs incurred as a consequence of the escape;
 - iv. quelling a riot or other disturbance in which the inmate is unlawfully involved;
 - b. reasonable deduction from money credited to the account of an inmate to defray the costs paid by a municipality or county for medical services for an inmate, which have been requested by the inmate, if the deduction does not exceed five dollars for each occurrence of treatment received by the inmate
 - c. initiate an action for collection of recovery of medical costs incurred for:
 - i. injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others upon the inmate's release;
 - ii. medical services for an inmate, which have been requested by the inmate.¹

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Abbeville County Detention Center	Captain Patricia Williams, Jail Administrator	none of the above;	Yes	none of the above;	The Nurse notifies us when to charge an inmate five dollars for a visit, but it is not often that an inmate is charged the five dollar fee.
Aiken County (Doris C. Gravatt) Detention Center	Lt. Robert Bowman, Assistant Jail Administrator	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;ii.medical treatment for injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others;	Yes	i.injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others upon the inmate's release;ii.medical services for an inmate, which have been requested by the inmate;	
Allendale County Detention Center	Tonia Capers, Jail Administrator	none of the above;	No	ii.medical services for an inmate, which have been requested by the inmate;	
Anderson City Detention Center	Captain Doyle Carpenter, Jail Administrator	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;ii.medical treatment for injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others;	Yes	none of the above;	
Anderson County Detention Center	Lt. Bobby Ham, Assistant Detention Director	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;ii.medical treatment for injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others;	Yes	ii.medical services for an inmate, which have been requested by the inmate;	
Bamberg County Detention Center	Captain Latacha Wilson, Jail Administrator	ii.medical treatment for injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others;	No	ii.medical services for an inmate, which have been requested by the inmate;	We are moving forward with charging inmates for damages to facility property and all other collections that are needed to be recovered.
Barnwell County Detention Center	Captain Micheal S. Rasar, Jail Administrator	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;ii.medical treatment for injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others;	Yes	none of the above;	# 6 was unclear to me. We charge a 5 dollar copay for all inmate requested medical treatment and 5 dollars for any 30 day prescription. We do have PRN over the counter available at \$2.00 a dose. The max charge in a month for one type of med is \$5.00. So if an inmate gets Tylenol 3 times in a month but doesn't have a running prescription, it's still only \$5.00. #8. We do not actively try to recover medical expenses from an inmate, nor is treatment denied if they do not have funds. The account is debited and if they ever get funds, we recoup the negative amount on a sliding scale so as to not deplete their entire account at once. Also we follow the case law MYRTLE BEACH HOSPITAL, INC., d/b/a Grand Strand Regional Medical Center, Petitioner, v. CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH and Myrtle Beach Police Department, Respondents in dealing with pre-trial inmates' hospital bills. The inmates are billed as a private person until they are sentenced in accordance with the South Carolina Supreme Court decision.
Beaufort County Detention Center	Quandara Grant, Jail Administrator	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;	Yes	ii.medical services for an inmate, which have been requested by the inmate;	The average inmate does not have enough money in their accounts to pay for these services, nor do they have the necessary insurance coverage to cover the provided medical services. All government assistance ceases once an inmate is incarcerated, thus relying on the holding agency to bear the costs.

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Berkeley County (Hill-Finklea) Detention Center	Randy Demory, Jail Administrator	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;	Yes	none of the above;	
Charleston County (Sheriff Al Cannon) Detention Center	Chief Deputy Willis Beatty, Detention Administrator	none of the above;	No	none of the above;	We have rarely gotten restitution for anything when courts order. Cost of recovery usually outweighs what inmates can afford to pay.
Cherokee County Detention Center	Stephen Anderson, Jail Administrator	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;ii.medical treatment for injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others;	No	none of the above;	It is nearly impossible to recover monies for medical expenses once an inmate is released. We do have a better chance of receiving monies for damages to the facility if they come through probation and parole as a restitution payment.
Chester County Detention Center	B.W. Alley, Jail Administrator	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;ii.medical treatment for injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others;	Yes	i.injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others upon the inmate's release;ii.medical services for an inmate, which have been requested by the inmate;	
Chesterfield County Detention Center	Sheila G. Buckman, Jail Administrator	ii.medical treatment for injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others;	Yes	ii.medical services for an inmate, which have been requested by the inmate;	
Clarendon County Detention Center	Colonel Shelton Hughes, Detention Director	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;ii.medical treatment for injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others;iv.quelling a riot or other disturbance in which the inmate is unlawfully involved;	Yes	i.injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others upon the inmate's release;ii.medical services for an inmate, which have been requested by the inmate;	
Colleton County Detention Center	Captain Shane Roberts, Jail Administrator	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;ii.medical treatment for injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others;	Yes	none of the above;	Our facility would benefit from better training and procedures on recovering money due for medical procedures, cost of escape, and cost of inmate property damage.
Darlington County (W. Glenn Campbell) Detention Center	Patricia Ray, Detention Director	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;ii.medical treatment for injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others;	Yes	ii.medical services for an inmate, which have been requested by the inmate;	Our facility does take advantage of some aspects of this statute.
Dillon County Detention Center	Captain Sarah Samuel, Jail Administrator	none of the above;	No	none of the above;	
Dorchester County (L. C. Knight) Detention Center	Major Richard A. Darling, Detention Director	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;	No	none of the above;	
Edgefield County Detention Center	Lt. Polly Worden, Jail Supervisor	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;	No	ii.medical services for an inmate, which have been requested by the inmate;	If monies are in the inmate account, it is collected. If inmate is released and still has no monies in his/her account, then it stays active, to be collected when and if the inmate returns. Unsented inmates are responsible for their own medical bills.

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Fairfield County Detention Center	Teresa Lawson, Detention Director	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;ii.medical treatment for injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others;	Yes	ii.medical services for an inmate, which have been requested by the inmate;	It just helps off set cost in daily operations
Florence County Detention Center	Teresa Cunningham, Office Manager	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;ii.medical treatment for injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others;	Yes	i.injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others upon the inmate's release;ii.medical services for an inmate, which have been requested by the inmate;	
Georgetown County Detention Center	Neil Johnson, Detention Director	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;	Yes	none of the above;	N/A
Greenville County Detention Center	Scotty Bodiford, Jail Administrator	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;ii.medical treatment for injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others;	Yes	none of the above;	
Greenwood County Detention Center	Lonnie Smith, Jail Administrator	none of the above;	No	none of the above;	
Hampton County Detention Center	Kelvin Jones, Detention Director	none of the above;	Yes	ii.medical services for an inmate, which have been requested by the inmate;	
Horry County (J. Reuben Long) Detention Center	Joey Johnson, Deputy Detention Director	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;ii.medical treatment for injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others;	Yes	none of the above;	
Jasper County Detention Center	Rebecca Murphy, Booking Specialist	none of the above;	No	ii.medical services for an inmate, which have been requested by the inmate;	
Kershaw County Detention Center	Tyrell Cato, Detention Director	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;	No	none of the above;	N/A
Lancaster County Detention Center	Brandon Rollins, Jail Administrator	none of the above;	Yes	none of the above;	We place a debt on the inmates' canteen system that is collected if they return to the facility in the future.
Laurens County (R. Eugene Johnson) Detention Center	Don Evans, Jail Administrator	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;ii.medical treatment for injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others;	Yes	i.injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others upon the inmate's release;ii.medical services for an inmate, which have been requested by the inmate;	
Lexington County Detention Center	Kevin Jones, Detention Commander	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;	Yes	ii.medical services for an inmate, which have been requested by the inmate;	We plan to make full use of this statute when applicable or when a qualified incident occurs. Our most recent experience has only involved medical copay and reimbursement for damaged property.
Marion County Detention Center	James Floyd, Detention Director	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;	Yes	none of the above;	

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Marlboro County Detention Center	Kevin Thomas, Jail Administrator	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;	No	ii.medical services for an inmate, which have been requested by the inmate;	As far as retaining money for requested medical services from inmate, it decreases the inmate constantly requesting to go to medical unnecessarily. As far as damage to property, the inmate is charged, which has helped minimize the destruction of Jail property.
McCormick County Detention Center	Carolyn Singletary, Jail Administrator	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;	No	none of the above;	
Newberry County Detention Center	Daniel Floyd, Detention Director	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;ii.medical treatment for injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others;iii.searching for and apprehending the inmate when he escapes or attempts to escape. The costs must be limited to those extraordinary costs incurred as a consequence of the escape;iv.quelling a riot or other disturbance in which the inmate is unlawfully involved;	Yes	i.injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others upon the inmate's release;ii.medical services for an inmate, which have been requested by the inmate;	
Oconee County Detention Center	Gentry Hawk, Detention Director	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;	Yes	none of the above;	Our facility recently began charging inmates for medical services they request at the rate of 5 dollars an occurrence. We have been charging inmates for property they damage while in our facility. Our administration staff is relatively new, and we are looking more into the law as to what and how we can charge inmates for other occurrences.
Orangeburg County Detention Center	Vernetia B. Dozier, Detention Director	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;	Yes	ii.medical services for an inmate, which have been requested by the inmate;	
Pickens County Detention Center	Drew Sisco, Assistant Jail Administrator	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;ii.medical treatment for injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others;iv.quelling a riot or other disturbance in which the inmate is unlawfully involved;	No	none of the above;	We do not utilize the collections recovery due to the time required to make this happen. We do not have the man power to take that project on.
Richland County (Alvin S. Glenn) Detention Center	Ronaldo Myers, Detention Director	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;ii.medical treatment for injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others;	No	i.injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others upon the inmate's release;ii.medical services for an inmate, which have been requested by the inmate;	In most case inmates are indigent or they deposit funds into some other inmate's account so they can keep their funds.
Saluda County Detention Center	Janice B. Egle, Jail Administrator	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;ii.medical treatment for injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others;	Yes	none of the above;	

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Spartanburg County Detention Center	Major Allen Freeman, Detention Director	none of the above;	Yes	none of the above;	In regards to damaged property, warrants are signed and prosecuted through the court system; and restitution is sought if ordered by the courts.
Sumter County Detention Center (also known as Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center)	Major Daryl McGhaney, Jail Commander	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;iii.searching for and apprehending the inmate when he escapes or attempts to escape. The costs must be limited to those extraordinary costs incurred as a consequence of the escape;	No	ii.medical services for an inmate, which have been requested by the inmate;	Our medical team do the \$5.00 inmate co pay.
Union County Detention Center	Niel Mckeown, Detention Director	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;	No	none of the above;	We are at this time drafting policies to implement inmate medical deductions.
Williamsburg County Detention Center	Nadia Pressley, Detention Director	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;ii.medical treatment for injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others;	Yes	none of the above;	
York County Detention Center	John Hicks, Jail Administrator	i.public property willfully damaged or destroyed by the inmate during his incarceration;ii.medical treatment for injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others;iii.searching for and apprehending the inmate when he escapes or attempts to escape. The costs must be limited to those extraordinary costs incurred as a consequence of the escape;iv.quelling a riot or other disturbance in which the inmate is unlawfully involved;	Yes	i.injuries inflicted by the inmate upon himself or others upon the inmate's release;ii.medical services for an inmate, which have been requested by the inmate;	