

1 SB174
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3 By Senator Reed
4 RFD: Health and Human Services
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8 SYNOPSIS: Existing law does not provide any guidance
9 for a county or sheriff contracting with medical
10 providers.

11 This bill would authorize a county to pay a
12 provider of medical services any rate or fee agreed
13 upon, and, when there is no agreed upon rate, the
14 medical services must be paid at the then-current
15 Alabama Medicaid rate or fee schedule.

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17 A BILL
18 TO BE ENTITLED
19 AN ACT

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21 Relating to county jail inmates, to amend Section
22 14-6-19, Code of Alabama 1975, to further specify the
23 responsibilities of the county to provide certain items to
24 inmates, including medical care.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. Section 14-6-19, Code of Alabama 1975, is
27 amended to read as follows:

1 "§14-6-19.

2 "(a) Necessary clothing and bedding must shall be
3 furnished by the sheriff ~~or jailer~~, at the expense of the
4 county, to those ~~prisoners~~ county inmates who are unable to
5 provide them for themselves~~,~~.

6 "(b) Except as otherwise provided by law and
7 excluding those costs governed by Sections 14-3-30 and
8 14-6-22, the sheriff shall also furnish, at the expense of the
9 county, and also necessary medicines and medical attention to
10 ~~those who are~~ any county inmate who is sick or injured, when
11 ~~they are~~ the county inmate is unable to provide ~~them for~~
12 ~~themselves~~ for the cost of the medicines or medical attention
13 through payment, governmental benefit, or insurance.

14 "(1) For any county inmate, the county or its
15 contracted medical coordinating agent may pay to a provider of
16 medical services a rate or fee as agreed to by the county or
17 its contracted medical coordinating agent and the provider of
18 medical services. Provided, however, where there is no agreed
19 upon rate of such services, a provider of medical services
20 shall be paid by the county or its agent an amount equal to
21 the then-current Alabama Medicaid Agency rate or fee schedule.

22 "(2) This provision shall not make the county or its
23 agent responsible for the medical services provided to those
24 inmates as provided in Sections 14-3-30 and 14-6-22, or any
25 inmate for which another governmental entity is responsible
26 for such costs."

1 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
2 first day of the third month following its passage and
3 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.