



## Legislation Text

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### **TITLE**

## **CONTRACT AMENDMENTS (2) WITH CORRECT CARE SOLUTIONS (CCS) TO PROVIDE HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE GUILFORD COUNTY JAIL AND JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES**

### **SPONSOR**

Sheriff BJ Barnes; Doug Logan, Juvenile Detention (Captain C.A. Martin)

### **BACKGROUND**

Correct Care Solutions (CCS) provides comprehensive medical services to inmates housed in Guilford County Detention Facilities. Medical services provided by CCS include intake screening, history and physical exams, dental services, routine sick call and examination, emergency medical treatment, prescription medication and pharmacy services, and mental health care.

CCS currently provides 16 hours/week (divided between the Guilford County Jail Central in Greensboro and High Point Detention Center) of psychiatric care and 74 hours (divided between Guilford County Jail Central in Greensboro and High Point Detention Center) of Mental Health Professional (MHP) care through the services of a certified counselor.

CCS respectfully requested the contractually allowed increase as presented in their January 10, 2018 letter. The Sheriff's Office negotiated the compensation down from the 2.5% Consumer Price index increase allowed under the contract to 2.2%, netting a savings of up to \$12,812.73 for Fiscal Year 2019.

The dollars increased by the CPI adjustment are critical to the continued success of our program at Guilford County, as they will be applied to the following cost components that continue to rise:

- Cost of Living Adjustments. This allows them to retain their valued staff by offering competitive salaries and benefits that are in line with the current healthcare market, ensuring their current recruiting and retention efforts are successful.
- Guilford County is experiencing the same trend being seen in jails throughout the United States: a growing population of arrestees with health issues, often exacerbated by

substance abuse and/or serious mental illness, and whose health needs have not been managed appropriately outside the jail walls. Thus, further drivers of expenses include increased utilization of on-site diagnostic services and laboratory testing identifying these health issues.

- Recently, the correctional healthcare industry as a whole has seen a rise in insurance premiums. On a national level, we have seen patients being admitted to local jail facilities with far greater health needs. As the acuity level continues to rise across the industry, we anticipate continued upward trend in this expense.

Therefore, application of the 2.2% increase revises the current monthly compensation for Law Enforcement from **\$342,687.36** to **\$350,226.48 (\$4,202,717.76 annually)** and for **Juvenile Detention from 13,220.13 to 13,510.97 (\$162,131.64 annually)** effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 for professional healthcare services being rendered at the Guilford County Jails and Juvenile Detention Center.

Law Enforcement	\$4,202,717.76
Juvenile Detention	<u>\$162,131.64</u>
TOTAL	<b>\$4,364,849.40</b>

**BUDGET IMPACT**

**FUNDS COMMENSURATE WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE FY 2018-19 BUDGET**

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Approve one (1) year contract renewal agreements with Correct Care Solutions (CCS) to continue health services for (1) inmates at the Guilford County Jail (\$4,202,717.76) and (2) Juvenile Detention facility (\$162,131.64) in the combined amount of \$4,364,849.40. The renewals are effective July 1, 2018 and end on June 30, 2019.