

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS25864

The Department of Correction is required to provide health care services to inmates in accordance with the Eighth Amendment standards. These health care services are currently being provided by a privatized correctional health care company under a contractual agreement with the Department. This proposed amendment is to clarify §20-237B of Idaho Code to specifically state that a privatized medical provider under contract with the Department of Correction is authorized to pay health care providers for medical services provided outside of the correctional institutions an amount no greater than Idaho Medicaid reimbursement rates.

### FISCAL NOTE

This amendment will have a positive financial impact to the State of Idaho. Allowing the Department of Correction to contract medical providers to pay off-site health care providers at the Idaho Medicaid reimbursement rate will result in an annual cost avoidance of approximately \$2,000,000.

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