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HOLDING INMATES FOR DOC

Due to budget reductions, the Department of Corrections has been forced to close nine facilities with a significant loss of bed space. As a result of these closures the Department has requested jails to house some state responsible inmates. Staff from the Department of Corrections and the Compensation Board have consulted to ensure that jails are properly compensated for holding State Responsible inmates, and the inmates are properly coded in LIDS.

Inmates held by the jail at the request of the Department of Corrections should be labeled Jail Contract Bed (JCB) or Jail Contract Bed Work Release (JCW). They should be coded in LIDS as Reason Confined 27 for JCB and Reason Confined 28 for JCW. Though the additional funding for JCB and JCW beds has been abolished, coding the inmates this way differentiates between State Responsible offenders pending transfer to DOC, and those who will be serving out their time at the local jail. Inmates in JCB and JCW status can work, if approved by the Department of Corrections.

Non-JCW State Responsible inmates who have been approved by the Department of Corrections for Work Release may still be coded as RC26, however, these inmates are still eligible for transfer by DOC.

Those State Responsible inmates requested by the jail to serve as a cadre should be coded as RC70 and the jail will receive \$4 per day for those inmates.

ATTY GENERAL OPINION ON GOOD TIME FOR SUPPORT CONTEMPT

§53.116(A) gives offenders serving misdemeanor sentences good conduct credits to reduce their incarceration time as long as they abide by the rules and regulations of the jail, and there are no mandatory minimums imposed. According to the Office of the Attorney General this Code section only applies to criminal sentences. An individual's commitment to jail for failure to make support payments may be criminal or civil, dependent upon their ability to pay the support owed and purge themselves of contempt. For these individuals it is the duty of the sheriff/superintendent to ascertain whether the offender's commitment is civil or criminal, and only award good conduct credits prescribed in §53.116(A) to those offenders held on a criminal commitment. You may read the full opinion of the Virginia Office of the Attorney General at the following link <http://www.oag.state.va.us/OPINIONS/2004opns/04-005w.pdf>.

MENTAL HEALTH SURVEY

A pdf version of the Mental Health Survey has been posted to the Compensation Board website from the 'LIDS' page. There are two significant changes to the survey since last year. Question 8 now asks that you separate the counts of inmates with mental illness not only by sex but also by pretrial and post conviction. Question 9 now includes Ordinance Violation as an option for most serious offense.

Please print this survey and distribute to all staff who may be required to provide data. Survey data collected will be for the month of July 2011 and fiscal year 2011. Please take time to review the survey to identify any requests for information that your jail does not regularly collect, so that you may be sure to collect this information during the month of July. The live 2011 Jail Mental Health Survey will be posted to the Compensation Board website on August 1st and will be due August 8th. Questions 1-4 need not be filled, these numbers will be populated by Compensation Board staff.

Option D from the Inquiry Menu will assist you in answering Question 9, as well as the number of inmate days for each offender, as requested in Question 8.

LIDS Training

The following are upcoming LIDS Trainings sessions. If you are aware of any staff training needs please register these individuals for one of the below listed trainings.

July 21st- Basic Training (Batch Users)

August 18th- Basic Training (Online Users)

September 15th- Audit Prep Training

All training sessions will be held at the Hanover County Sheriff's Office from 9a.m. to 3:30 p.m. To register for training please call or email Kari Bullock at 804-371-4299 or kari.bullock@scb.virginia.gov

REVIEW OF LIDS VOUCHERS

Per diem voucher data may be reviewed in LIDS retroactively to January 1996. Data included on vouchers are per diem payments by category for each month of the quarter, as well as federal recoveries, budget reduction amounts, and the date the payment was made. If questions regarding voucher payments arise from your sheriff/superintendent or jail financial personnel the voucher review screen should be your first point of reference. To view LIDS vouchers access the Inquiry Menu from the LIDS Main Menu. Type in the fiscal year and quarter to be viewed and choose option B-Review Vouchers. Please remember that per diem quarters may be structured differently than in your locality. LIDS per diem quarters are structured as follows:

1st quarter (March-May)

2nd quarter (June-August)

3rd quarter (September-November)

4th quarter (December-February)

PAYMENT STATUS UPDATES

HEM (Court Ordered)

In a previous newsletter users were notified that offenders ordered to Home Electronic Monitoring by a judge would be non-payable and that a disposition code of CR should be used on all charges related to that confinement. Although a judge may suggest an inmate be placed on HEM, the final decision lies with the sheriff/superintendent. Therefore, effective July 1, 2011 these types of confinements will be payable and the 'CR' disposition code should no longer be used.

SR Inmate Court Ordered to Jail (RC82)

In the past, State Responsible inmates ordered by a judge to remain in a local jail in lieu of being transferred to a state facility were paid by the Compensation Board as Local Responsible inmates. Effective July 2011, (payment months of March-May), jails will be paid for these offenders at the State Responsible per diem rate. For inmates already coded as RC82, this change is not retroactive and no adjustments should be made.



LIDS REPORTS UPDATES

The LIDS 'Forms Maintenance' menu has been renamed as 'Reports' menu. The menu and reports themselves have been reorganized so that each report is listed only once, and will appear on the sub-menu which best describes the function of the report. An updated Reports Menu section of the LIDS Users Guide will be posted to the Compensation Board website during the month of July.

Updates & Reminders

- ◆ Compensation Board IT Development Staff cannot reset passwords. For password resets please contact Melanie Morrison or Kari Bullock, or you may call the main line at (804) 786-0786.
- ◆ The 2011 updated Virginia Crime Codes may be downloaded from the Compensation Board website. Access the 'LIDS' page, then click on the VCC link.