

1 WHEREAS, Pursuant to the solicitation for the contract
2 awarded to the Vendor, the Vendor is required to provide
3 services at targeted performance levels (including compliance
4 with staffing schedules, administrative directives, and
5 treatment protocols) with any failure to meet the target levels
6 of performance subjecting the Vendor to payment adjustments;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Also pursuant to the solicitation, the Department
9 is required to "[c] onduct audits to confirm the validity of the
10 performance guarantee results reported and enforce penalties
11 as appropriate"; and

12 WHEREAS, At the time the solicitation was issued, the
13 Department identified approximately 250 pending inmate
14 healthcare lawsuits in which the State, its employees, or
15 agents were named parties; and

16 WHEREAS, The National Commission on Correctional Health
17 Care (NCCHC) has been accrediting correctional facilities
18 since 1983 with their mission of improving the quality of
19 healthcare that is delivered to patients in correctional
20 facilities, according to national accepted, peer-reviewed, and
21 evidence based standards; and

1 WHEREAS, The accreditation is an external review that
2 assesses the sites compliance with 2008 Standards for Health
3 Services; and

4 WHEREAS, The basis of all standards is to ensure inmates
5 have access to the medical care needed to meet their health
6 needs; this is the principle on which all NCCHC standards are
7 based and is the basic principle established by the U.S.
8 Supreme Court in the 1976 landmark case *Estelle v. Gamble*; and

9 WHEREAS, This process could determine the current level of
10 the Department's medical practices, as the auditing process
11 will be conducted by a national, independent organization that
12 will audit the Department's practices against national
13 correctional medicine best practices; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
16 the Illinois Department of Corrections is directed to select a
17 sample of facilities to be surveyed, audited, and accredited by
18 the NCCHC over the next 3 years; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the accreditation process is to include:

- 20 (1) an onsite visit;
- 21 (2) interviews with staff and inmates; and
- 22 (3) an extensive review of policies, practices, and

1 documentation; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the areas examined in the standards are to
3 include:

4 (1) governance and administration;

5 (2) safety;

6 (3) personnel and training;

7 (4) health care services and support;

8 (5) inmate care and treatment;

9 (6) health promotion;

10 (7) special needs and services;

11 (8) health records; and

12 (9) medical-legal issues; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the facilities surveyed are to include
14 Robinson, Southwestern, Graham, Pinckneyville, Illinois River,
15 Logan, Dixon, and Stateville Correctional Centers; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That the Department commence this accreditation
18 as soon as possible and report any findings, recommendations,
19 and results upon completion to the Illinois General Assembly;
20 and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That any changes to policy or practices driven by
22 either the survey or audit process at any of the above-listed

1 facilities be implemented throughout Department facilities
2 statewide.".