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Dear Mr. Clerk,

Enclosed, please find a report submitted pursuant to Line Item 4510-0108 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robbie Goldstein".

Robbie Goldstein MD, PhD

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State Office of Pharmacy Services

2025 Report

May 2025



Legislative Mandate

The following report is hereby issued pursuant to Line Item 4510-0108 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024 as follows:

4510-0108 For the costs of pharmaceutical drugs and services provided by the state office for pharmacy services; provided, that the state office shall notify all agencies listed below of their obligations under this item by December 30, 2024; provided further, that the state office shall continue to be the sole provider of pharmacy services for the following agencies currently under the state office: (i) the department of public health; (ii) the department of mental health; (iii) the department of developmental services; (iv) the department of correction; (v) the sheriffs' offices of Barnstable, Berkshire, Bristol, Essex, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire, Middlesex, Norfolk and Plymouth; and (vi) the Soldiers' Homes in the cities of Holyoke and Chelsea; provided further, that the state office shall be the sole provider of pharmacy services for all said agencies and all costs for pharmacy services shall be charged by this item; provided further, that the state office shall become the sole provider of pharmacy services to the sheriffs' offices of Worcester and Suffolk; provided further, that these agencies shall not charge or contract with any other alternative vendor for pharmacy services other than the state office; provided further, that the state office shall validate previously-submitted pharmacy expenditures including HIV Drug Assistance Program drug reimbursements during fiscal year 2025; provided further, that the state office shall continue to work to reduce medication costs, provide standardized policies and procedures in a clinically responsible manner, provide comprehensive data analysis and improve the quality of clinical services; and provided further, that not later than April 15, 2025, the state office shall submit a report to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing recommendations for the inclusion of other entities that may realize cost savings by joining the state office\$66,484,657

Report

The State Office of Pharmacy Services (SOPS) within the Department of Public Health (DPH) provides the Commonwealth of Massachusetts an integrated pharmacy health system benefiting several separate and distinct agencies. SOPS currently provides pharmacy services to the following agencies: the Department of Public Health; the Department of Mental Health; the Department of Developmental Services; the Department of Correction; the Barnstable, Berkshire, Bristol, Dukes, Essex, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, and Suffolk Houses of Correction; and the Veterans' Homes in the cities of Holyoke and Chelsea.

As part of the FY2025 budget, SOPS is statutorily required to report on recommendations for entities that may realize cost savings through this program. Presently, SOPS has converted all of the named agencies with the exception of the Worcester Sheriff's Department. The Worcester Sheriff's Department has been reviewed and it would not be cost beneficial to convert them at this time. They have contracted through their medical provider for the provision of pharmaceuticals, however, SOPS is ready to service them should the need arise.

The Department of Public Health recommends removing the legislative reporting requirement going forward. This mandate is no longer timely and was appropriate during the initial conversions to SOPS.

In lieu of annual reporting, SOPS maintains a list of agencies served at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/state-office-for-pharmacy-services-sops-facilities>