1	MEDICAL EXPENSES OF COUNTY INMATES
2	2001 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Sponsor: Michael G. Waddoups
5	This act modifies provisions relating to Counties to include inmate medical expenses
6	provided at the request of a county sheriff as county expenses. The act specifies the basis for
7	costs of medical services in the absence of a contract between the county and a medical
8	service provider or facility. The act also makes technical changes.
9	This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:
10	AMENDS:
11	17-50-319, as renumbered and amended by Chapter 133, Laws of Utah 2000
12	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
13	Section 1. Section 17-50-319 is amended to read:
14	17-50-319. County charges enumerated.
15	(1) County charges are:
16	[(1)] (a) those incurred against the county by any law;
17	[(2)] (b) the necessary expenses of the county attorney or district attorney incurred in
18	criminal cases arising in the county, and all other expenses necessarily incurred by the county or
19	district attorney in the prosecution of criminal cases, except jury and witness fees;
20	[(3)] (c) the expenses necessarily incurred in the support of persons charged with or
21	convicted of a criminal offense and committed to the county jail;
22	[(4)] (d) for a county not within the state district court administrative system, the sum
23	required by law to be paid jurors in civil cases;
24	[(5)] (e) all charges and accounts for services rendered by any justice court judge for
25	services in the trial and examination of persons charged with a criminal offense not otherwise
26	provided for by law;
27	[(6)] (f) the contingent expenses necessarily incurred for the use and benefit of the county;

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28	[(7)] (g) every other sum directed by law to be raised for any county purposes under the
29	direction of the county legislative body or declared a county charge;
30	[(8)] (h) the fees of constables for services rendered in criminal cases;
31	[(9)] (i) the necessary expenses of the sheriff and deputies incurred in civil and criminal
32	cases arising in the county, and all other expenses necessarily incurred by the sheriff and deputies
33	performing the duties imposed upon them by law; [and]
34	[(10)] (j) the sums required by law to be paid by the county to jurors and witnesses serving
35	at inquests and in criminal cases in justice courts[-]; and
36	(k) subject to Subsection (2), expenses incurred by a health care provider or health care
37	facility in providing medical services at the request of a county sheriff for existing and preexisting
38	conditions of:
39	(i) persons booked into a county jail on a charge of a criminal offense; or
40	(ii) persons convicted of a criminal offense and committed to a county jail.
41	(2) If there is no contract between a county jail and a health care provider or health care
42	facility that establishes a fee schedule for medical services rendered, expenses under Subsection
43	(1)(k) shall be commensurate with the current noncapitated state Medicaid rates, plus 20%.

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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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