



Extraordinary Medical Placement (EMP) Data - Annual Report

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Number of Incarcerated Individuals considered for EMP during the reporting period*	40
Number of incarcerated individuals granted an EMP	4
Total number who were on EMP status sometime during the reporting period	6
Number of Incarcerated Individuals denied an EMP	31
Number who were denied placement because they did not fit the medical criteria (RCW 9.94A.728(c)(i))	27
Number who were denied placement because they do not fit the safety criteria per Headquarters Community Screening Committee (HCSC)	4
Number who were denied placement by the DOC Secretary	0
Other outcomes of incarcerated individuals during the reporting period	11
Number that died during consideration for an EMP/ before EMP placement	5
Number who were released prior to placement/consideration	0
Number who refused, EMP was rescinded or were LWOP & did not qualify	2
Number approved for EMP but were actively awaiting placement in the community	1
Number who died while on EMP	3
Number who released while on EMP	0
Number who were being considered for EMP at the end of the reporting period	0
The length of time between initial consideration and the placement decision for each incarcerated individual who was granted an EMP (date of referral to placement date)	
Note: lack of community placement options, DSHS insurance/funding eligibility, lack of DPOA can slow this process	
Placement 1	46 days
Placement 2	50 days
Placement 3	93 days
Placement 4	182 days
Average length of time	118 days
The number of incarcerated individuals granted an EMP who were later returned to total confinement	0
Number granted an EMP who returned to prison due to a change in placement	0
Number granted an EMP who returned to prison due to a violation	0
Number granted an EMP who returned to prison due to medical condition improving	0
Cost avoidance to the State of Washington for the reporting year**	\$ 45,746
DOC (EMP days used per year x average cost per day/offender)	\$ 92,013
State portion of Medicaid payments for community healthcare of offenders on EMP	\$ 46,267

* All totals are a distinct count/ do not include duplicate individuals

**Note: The cost avoidance calculation takes into account the State's share of what the Medicaid program paid for any healthcare in the community.