


# TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

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## MEMORANDUM

Date: July 15, 2014  
To: Sheriffs and Jail Administrators  
From: Brandon S. Wood, Executive Director   
Subject: Mental Health Updates

The following discusses information related to mental health.

### Release of Inmates from State Hospitals back to Jails

When an inmate on a forensic or a 46B commitment is discharged back to jail, state hospitals will now also provide a hard-copy discharge packet with discharge orders and a continuity of care form to jail personnel picking up an inmate, in addition to faxing or emailing the discharge paperwork.

While many hospitals already do this, the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is requesting that all hospitals make it a standard procedure statewide. **Therefore, please remind jail personnel to not leave a state hospital without a complete discharge packet.**

Once the inmate is returned back to the jail, medical personnel should be made aware of the discharge packet and the packet should be filed in the inmate's medical file. If there is a question about the care of an inmate, please contact the discharging hospital for clarification.

### 46B New Generation Medication Reimbursement Program

To ensure that a 46B inmate maintains competency restoration after discharge from a state hospital, counties can be reimbursed for a 46B inmate's new generation medication for up to 76 days. To obtain reimbursement, notify in writing your local mental health authority (LMHA) of an inmate's return and provide the inmate's discharge medication orders. The LMHA may request that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the county be in place prior to reimbursement. Once a county submits a request for reimbursement to the LMHA, the LMHA will submit the request to the Texas Correctional Office of Offenders with Medical and Mental Impairments (TCOOMMI), a division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and payer of the reimbursement.

If you have any problems, please ask for the TCOOMMI representative at your LMHA or contact TCOOMMI's Austin office at (512) 671-2134 or e-mail at [tcoommi@tdcj.state.tx.us](mailto:tcoommi@tdcj.state.tx.us). You may also contact Diana Spiller at TCJS at 512-463-2690 for information or assistance.

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