

(a) (1) The managing official of a local correctional facility shall provide to an inmate in the custody of the managing official:

(i) food and board; and

(ii) any article of comfort that is considered necessary for a sick inmate by the physician attending the inmate.

(2) Except as provided in [§ 11-204] §§ 11-204 AND 11-205 of this subtitle and subject to subsections (b), (c), and (d) of this section, the county shall pay the costs associated with food, board, and articles of comfort provided to inmates under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(b) An inmate in a local correctional facility who is sick, injured, or disabled shall:

(1) reimburse the county, as appropriate, for the payment of medical expenses; and

(2) provide the managing official with any information relating to:

(i) the existence of any health insurance, group health plan, or prepaid medical care coverage under which the inmate is insured or covered;

(ii) the inmate's eligibility for benefits under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program;

(iii) the name and address of any third party payor; and

(iv) any policy or other identifying number relating to items (i) through (iii) of this item.

(c) (1) In addition to obtaining any reimbursement authorized under subsection (b) of this section and subject to paragraph (4) of this subsection, the governing body of each county shall establish a reasonable fee, not to exceed \$4, for each visit by an inmate in a local correctional facility to an institutional medical unit or noninstitutional physician, dentist, or optometrist.

(2) The per visit fee shall be deducted from an inmate's spending financial account, reserve financial account, or similar account held by the managing official on behalf of the inmate.

(3) The fees collected under this subsection shall be deposited in the general fund of the county.