



# GET THE FACTS



## REGULATION AND OVERSIGHT

### ESTABLISH A REGULATING BODY AND OVERSIGHT PROCESS FOR THE PRISON HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

<p>Establish within the Department of Public Health an Office of Oversight of Health Care in Correctional Institutions responsible for the oversight and delivery of health care services.</p>		<p>Connecticut is the only U.S. State where the Department of Corrections operates and oversees its prison health care system.</p>
<p>Adopt the standards and accreditation of the National Commission of Correctional Health Care.</p>		<p><b>46</b> States adhere to the National Commission of Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) standards.</p>
<p>Implement the plan created under PA22-133 for the provision of health care services created by the DOC Commissioner.</p>		<p>It is not just an issue of understaffing, it's an issue of believing that incarcerated people deserve care.</p>
<p>Establish an advisory committee for the purpose of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>receiving and reviewing annual reports on health and safety outcomes for incarcerated individuals</li> <li>advising the Commissioner of Corrections regarding the findings of said reports and the provision of health care services at correctional institutions under the jurisdiction of the Department of Correction.</li> </ul>		<p>Health care challenges in Connecticut's prisons could be reduced with third party oversight of the Department of Corrections health care system. Poor health care is expensive. It comes with a high cost to the state of Connecticut in the form of lawsuits and unimaginable high cost to returning citizens, their families and communities.</p>

**Regulate DOC Healthcare Connecticut** is a diverse coalition comprised of health care workers, justice impacted and formerly incarcerated individuals and advocacy organizations that work to ensure better health outcomes for incarcerated individuals and returning citizens.