

Whereas, The report card requires that standards be met 95% of the time in 39 areas of care, with a \$2,500 to \$5,000 fine imposed for each failing score, and that amount doubles if the company fails to meet a standard twice in a row; and

Whereas, According to the December 26th article, the last two report cards regarding Prison Health Services issued by DOHMH gave Prison Health Services 22 failing grades, resulting in a \$107,000 penalty for the company; and

Whereas, Despite these failing grades, there have been, according to the December 26th article, accusations that Correctional Health Services, the unit of DOHMH which audits DOHMH's contract with Prison Health Services, has given Prison Health Services passing scores 19 times since 2001, by improperly excusing deficiencies and changing scores; and

Whereas, The December 26th article also noted that there have been concerns raised regarding the potential conflict of interest in having Correctional Health Services be the entity that both awards the contract to Prison Health Services as well as monitors the performance of Prison Health Services pursuant to such contract; and

Whereas, The December 26th article also states that there have been criticisms of DOHMH for allowing Prison Health Services to select which inmate charts may be audited, and reports of accusations that doctors and supervisors working for Prison Health Services alter charts by correcting data and omissions prior to an audit; and

Whereas, Despite failing report cards and concerns over quality of care, the City has chosen to extend the contract to Prison Health Services for another three years; and

Whereas, The Office of the State Comptroller is auditing the renewal of the three-year, \$300 million contract with Prison Health Services, stating that “the audit began because the quality of care had been a source of concern for a number of years”; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the appropriate committee of the

Council to hold oversight hearings to examine services provided by Prison Health Services to inmates in New York City's prisons, in light of recent concerns regarding the quality of care being provided.

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