



# Maricopa County

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**To:** Maricopa County Cities and Towns

**From:** Shelby L. Scharbach, Assistant County Manager and CFO

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**Subject:** Preliminary Jail Per Diem Billing Rates for FY 2014-15

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the **preliminary** Jail Per Diem Billing Rates for FY 2014-15. The following table illustrates the preliminary Jail Per Diem Rates that will be effective July 1, 2014. As recommended by the MAG Incarceration of Municipal Prisoners Stakeholders Group in February 2008, Maricopa County will provide the preliminary and final jail per diem rates as early as possible during the fiscal year to assist in the budget planning process.

Jail Per Diem Rates	FY 2014-15	FY 2013-14	Difference	Percent
Housing Rate	\$ 81.85	\$ 78.94	\$ 2.92	3.7%
Booking Rate	\$ 266.41	\$ 251.53	\$ 14.88	5.9%

The allocation methodology for the FY 2014-15 rate calculation remains unchanged from the comprehensive jail per diem rate study that was performed by MGT of America, Inc. (MGT). MGT is the consulting company that extensively reviewed the methodology used to provide the jail rates for the FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14 budget years which are published at the following link:

<http://www.maricopa.gov/finance/per%20diem%20pub.aspx>

The FY 2014-15 booking and housing per diem rates are based on the FY 2013-14 budgets for the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) and Correctional Health Services (CHS). MCSO and CHS budgeted costs used to derive the housing and booking rates increased by \$20.9 million or 8%.

The increase in MCSO costs are primarily the result of the following:

- Performance-based merit increase of 5% (average) and market study adjustments for detention staff totaling \$11.9 million. Merit increases were last provided to County staff in FY 2007-08.
- Increase in detention staff totaling \$1.2 million as recommended by an MGT Staffing Study and implemented in FY 2013-14.

The increase in CHS costs are primarily the result of the following:

- Performance-based merit increase of 5% (average) totaling \$1.4 million. Merit increases were last provided to County staff in FY 2007-08.
- Increase in intake staffing totaling \$1.2 million. This restructure of registered nurse staffing reduced custody costs and will allow early detection of clinical issues and reduce outside ambulance and emergency room costs.
- Increase in staffing totaling \$1.1 million will allow coverage for an anticipated increase in jail population including the addition of a mental health professional position to respond to inmates' mental healthcare needs.
- Increase in pharmaceutical medications of \$1 million for inmates diagnosed with costly psychotropic and HIV medication. Over the past several years, HIV inmates have increased an estimated 25% while mentally ill patients have increased an estimated 32%.
- Decrease in outside services totaling \$1.2 million are for services that are now performed onsite for medical procedures such as dialysis treatment. Onsite treatment will provide additional savings in reduced length of stay at outside medical providers for treatment and reduced transportation costs.

Maricopa County will provide the final jail per diem rates by February 1, 2014, and will be published at the following location:

<http://www.maricopa.gov/finance/per%20diem%20pub.aspx>.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (602) 506-3561 or email me at [sscharba@mail.maricopa.gov](mailto:sscharba@mail.maricopa.gov).

c: City/Town Manager