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To: Maricopa County Cities and Towns

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Subject: Preliminary Jail Per Diem Billing Rates for FY 2013-14

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the **preliminary** Jail Per Diem Billing Rates for FY 2013-14. The following table illustrates the preliminary Per Diem Rates that will be effective July 1, 2013. As recommended by the MAG Incarceration of Municipal Prisoners Stakeholders Group in February 2008, Maricopa County will provide the preliminary and the 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 2013-14	FY 2012-13	Difference	Percent
Housing Rate	\$ 78.95	\$ 85.91	\$ (6.96)	(8.10%)
Booking Rate	\$ 251.59	\$ 236.78	\$ 14.81	6.25%

The Per Diem Rates for FY 2013-14 were developed by MGT of America, Inc. This is the same consulting company that extensively reviewed the methodology used to develop the Jail Rates for the FY 2008-09 and FY 2012-13 budget years. The methodology was also presented to the MAG Incarceration of Municipal Prisoners Stakeholders Group in February 2008. Since this time period, the County has continued to use the same methodology in developing the rates.

The FY 2013-14 housing and booking per diem rates are based on the FY 2012-13 budgets for the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) and Correctional Health Services (CHS). Total budgeted costs used to determine the housing and booking rates decreased by \$4,538,119 or (1.78%).

The housing rate decreased (8.10%) to \$78.95, due primarily to:

- A decrease in MCSO staff and operating costs of \$5,179,049 or (2.88%).
- A decrease in CHS staff and operating costs of \$1,476,625 or (3.55%).
- An increase in housing days of 164,466 or 6.17%, which is the denominator used in calculating the rate. As housing days increase, the housing rate decreases, assuming this is the only variable.
- There was an increase in CHS outside medical services costs of \$1,073,722 or 14.59%, due to changes in AHCCCS coverage.

The booking rate increased 6.25% to \$251.59, due primarily to:

- An increase in MCSO booking costs of \$1,215,960 or 6.43%, due to a reallocation of MCSO staff associated with bookings.
- A reduction in the number of bookings of 2,236 or (2.06%), which is the denominator used in calculating the rate. As bookings decrease, the booking rate increases, assuming this is the only variable.

An additional item of interest: In March 2012, the County was re-accredited with the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) for its jail facilities.

Maricopa County will provide the final jail per diem rates by February 1, 2013, 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.

c: City/Town Manager