

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS



Joe Coleman Medical Release Act Annual Report

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JB Pritzker

Governor

Latoya Hughes

Director



In accordance with the Unified Code of Corrections, Acting Director Latoya Hughes respectfully submits the following data regarding the Joe Coleman Medical Release Act.

730 ILCS 5/3-3-14(k) [\(P.A. 102-0494\)](#)

- (1) The number of applications for medical release received by the Board in the preceding year, and information about those applications including:
 - (i) demographic data about the individual including race or ethnicity, gender, age, and institution
 - (ii) the highest class of offense for which the individual is incarcerated;
 - (iii) the relationship of the applicant to the person completing the application;
 - (iv) whether the applicant had applied for medical release before and been denied, and, if so, when;
 - (v) whether the person applied as a person who is medically incapacitated or a person who is terminally ill; and
 - (vi) a basic description of the underlying medical condition that led to the application
- (2) The number of medical statements from the Department of Corrections received by the Board;
- (3) The number of institutional hearings on medical release applications conducted by the Board;
- (4) The number of people approved for medical release, and information about them including:
 - (i) demographic data about the individual including race or ethnicity, gender, age, and zip code to which they were released;
 - (ii) whether the person applied as a person who is medically incapacitated or a person who is terminally ill;
 - (iii) a basic description of the underlying medical condition that led to the application; and
 - (iv) a basic description of the medical setting the person was released to.
- (5) The number of people released on the medical release program;
- (6) The number of people approved for medical release who experienced more than a one month delay between release decision and ultimate release including:
 - (i) demographic data about the individuals including race or ethnicity, gender and age;
 - (ii) the reason for the delay;
 - (iii) whether the person remains incarcerated; and
 - (iv) a basic description of the underlying medical condition of the applying person.
- (7) For those individuals released on mandatory supervised release due to a granted application for medical release;
 - (i) the number of individuals who were serving terms of mandatory supervised release because of medical release applications during the previous year;
 - (ii) the number of individuals who had their mandatory supervised release revoked; and
 - (iii) the number of individuals who died during the previous year.
- (8) Information on seriously ill individuals incarcerated at the Department of Corrections including:
 - (i) the number of people currently receiving full-time one-on-one medical care or assistance with activities of daily living within Department of Corrections facilities and whether that care is provided by a medical practitioner or an individual in custody, along with the institutions at which they are incarcerated; and
 - (ii) the number of people who spent more than one month in outside hospital care during the previous year and their home institutions.

All the information provided in this report shall be provided in aggregate, and nothing shall be construed to require the public dissemination of any personal medical information.



Reflects CY24 Data

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Illinois Prisoner Review Board Reporting Elements

In accordance with the Unified Code of Corrections, the Illinois Department of Corrections will defer to the Illinois Prisoner Review Board for the following Joe Coleman Medical Release Act data elements.

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 - (iii) the relationship of the applicant to the person completing the application;
 - (iv) whether the applicant had applied for medical release before and been denied, and, if so, when;
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 - (vi) a basic description of the underlying medical condition that led to the application
- (2) The number of medical statements from the Department of Corrections received by the Board;
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- (4) The number of people approved for medical release, and information about them including:
 - (i) demographic data about the individual including race or ethnicity, gender, and age
 - (ii) whether the person applied as a person who is medically incapacitated or a person who is terminally ill;
 - (iii) a basic description of the underlying medical condition that led to the application;

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Release Data for CY24

	#
Total Number of Approvals in CY24	34

Type of Release¹	#
Releases to Mandatory Supervised Release	25
Releases to Parole	0
Death in Custody Prior to Release	1
Not Released During CY24	8
Total	34

¹ Individuals released to Mandatory Supervised Release and Parole are required to serve at maximum a 5 year term of supervision, per the Joe Coleman Medical Release Act.

Releases by Residence Type²	#	%
Private Residence	12	35.3%
Nursing Home	9	26.5%
Transitional Housing	3	8.8%
Rehabilitation Center	1	2.9%
Death in Custody Prior to Release	1	2.9%
Not Released During CY24	8	23.5%
Total	34	100.0%

² Denotes Residence Type an Individual was released to from IDOC custody. This residence type may not reflect the individual's current residence type.

Releases by Residence Zip Code³	#	%
38676	1	2.9%
60098	1	2.9%
60153	1	2.9%
60302	1	2.9%
60409	1	2.9%
60472	1	2.9%
60617	1	2.9%
60620	2	5.9%
60625	4	11.8%
60628	2	5.9%
61032	1	2.9%
61704	1	2.9%
61801	2	5.9%
62206	2	5.9%
62449	1	2.9%
62526	1	2.9%
62550	1	2.9%
62864	1	2.9%
Death in Custody Prior to Release	1	2.9%
Not Released During CY24	8	23.5%
Total	34	100.0%

³ Denotes the Zip Code an Individual was released to from IDOC custody. This zip code may not reflect the individual's current residence.

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Data for Releases Delayed for 30 Days or More in CY24

Race ¹	#	%
Black	8	72.7%
White	2	18.2%
Hispanic	1	9.1%
Bi-Racial	0	0.0%
Asian	0	0.0%
American Indian	0	0.0%
Unknown	0	0.0%
Total	11	100.0%

¹ Race categories are determined by the categories used by the Illinois State Police (ISP).

Release Delay Reason ²	#	%
No Host Site Available	11	100.0%
Interstate Compact	0	0.0%
Total	11	100.0%

² *No Host Site* refers to a lack of available or suitable host site at the time of release. The receiving state in an *Interstate Compact* transfer has 45 days to complete an investigation prior to approval.

Age ³	#	%
42	1	9.1%
49	1	9.1%
62	1	9.1%
65	1	9.1%
66	1	9.1%
71	1	9.1%
72	1	9.1%
73	1	9.1%
77	1	9.1%
83	1	9.1%
87	1	9.1%
Total	11	100.0%

³ Age refers to an individual's age upon release.

Sex ⁴	#	%
Male	11	100.0%
Female	0	0.0%
Total	11	100.0%

⁴ Sex is the gender recorded in the tracking system of record upon the individual's admission to IDOC custody.

Release Status of Individuals with a 30 Day or More Release Delay at End of CY24	#	%
Released to MSR	6	54.5%
Death in Custody Prior to Release	1	9.1%
Returned to IDOC Custody ⁵	0	0.0%
Remains in IDOC Custody ⁶	4	36.4%
Total	11	100.0%

⁵ Denotes an individual who was released to MSR/Parole and then returned to IDOC custody.

⁶ Denotes an individual who has remained in IDOC and never released to MSR/Parole.

Approval with a 30 Day or More Release Delay by Underlying Medical Condition	#	%
Medically Incapacitated	8	72.7%
Terminal Illness	1	9.1%
Terminal Illness and Medically Incapacitated	2	18.2%
Total	11	100.0%

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Additional Data for CY24

Status of Individuals Approved in CY24 as of 12/31/2024¹	#
Individuals on MSR who were approved for release by the PRB under the Joe Coleman Act in CY24	20
Individuals on Parole who were approved for release by the PRB under the Joe Coleman Act in CY24	0
Individuals who died while on Parole/MSR who were approved for release by the PRB under the Joe Coleman Act in CY24	5
Individuals returned to IDOC Custody due to revoked Parole/MSR who were approved for release by the PRB under the Joe Coleman Act in CY24	1
Individuals discharged by Board Order or Court Order who were approved for release by the PRB under the Joe Coleman Act in CY24	0
Individuals not released to Parole/MSR due to lack of host site, who were approved for release by the PRB under the Joe Coleman Act in CY24	8
Total	34

¹ This table denotes the status, on December 31, 2024, of all individuals who were approved for release under the Joe Coleman Act by the Prisoner Review Board in CY24.

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CY24 Medical Data

	#
Individuals Who Spent 30+ Days in Outside Hospital Care¹	19

¹ Includes all persons within IDOC facilities in CY24, regardless of Joe Coleman Medical Release Application Status.

Individuals Receiving Medical Assistance by Care-Giver Type and Month^{1, 2}		
Month	Medical Practitioner	Individual in Custody
January	100	275
February	95	257
March	100	296
April	104	300
May	111	311
June	108	315
July	97	318
August	97	323
September	95	325
October	100	316
November	111	321
December	110	349

¹ Includes all persons within IDOC facilities in CY24, regardless of Joe Coleman Medical Release Application Status.

² Data is collected monthly, individuals may be duplicated.

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