

LD 18 States "All money received by the department under this subsection is retained by the facility to offset the cost of paying client workers who support medical care and related services for other clients, including, but not limited to, client workers who assist other clients receiving hospice services and client workers who assist clients with disabilities with activities of daily living. After first being used to defray this cost, money is retained by the facility to offset the cost of medical and dental services, prescriptions, medication and prosthetic devices."

Currently there is only one subset of residents that fits this category, only the Maine Hospice **Volunteer** program. This program has been part of this prison for over the past decade and hopefully will continue for many more decades to come. I hope that if I have to pass away in prison it is with men who have the same dedication and compassion that we have now. This program has always been a volunteer program because when you are dealing with end of life care and palliative care you want people that actually want to be there not because they are getting paid for it. When you volunteer your time it provides a deeper sense of personal fulfillment by allowing you to contribute to a cause you believe in without the expectation of financial gain. When you volunteer it gives you intrinsic motivation, the desire to help others and to make a positive impact, not a paycheck.' This more often leads to better engagement and participation. Over the years the idea of getting paid has been mentioned numerous times and we as a group every time mention that it is against our wishes. We come to the infirmary every day to happily accomplish our hospice duties as well as the ADL's. We know that our presence is helping the patients. Right now when the men see us going to perform our duties there is a sense of pride and trust. If you decide to raise the cost of medical care that the men often have a hard time paying for now, to an amount that is up to 5x's higher and then use that money to pay us a salary that we do not want the residents of the prison will no longer look at the program as the truly wonderful program that it is but as a way to take more money from them. We are there because we want to help. Not to charge the patients for our care. We do not want to be the reason that medical charges are raised. The group does not want to be the symbol of why the charges are higher. We don't want to be used as the pretense to charge higher.

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