



AMHERST COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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SHERIFF L. J. AYERS III

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Amherst County Sheriff's Office has since January 2008 utilized MEDIKO for our inmate medical services. We feel that by changing medical providers we have not only saved funds in a tight budget, but are also providing better medical care and coverage. Some of the specific improvements we have found include:

- A reduced pharmacy cost while providing increased access to medical care
- Implemented a mental health program to include access to a psychiatrist and QMHP, which in turn has helped manage the use and cost of psychotropic drugs and minimizes our liability related to mental health services
- Increased the number of patients seen by providing our facility more physician on site time per week
- Developed customized protocols and a training program for management of alcohol / drug withdrawal by medical staff, this helps reduce the need and frequency for on site care for these individuals, it also greatly reduce the need for off site visits to the emergency department which increases safety and security
- Medical staff assist in the selection of nursing staff
- Developed medical protocols and policy between MEDIKO and facility staff
- Physician available on call 24 / 7 to staff
- MEDIKO has provided both primary medical care and mental health services consistently and with no turn over and no interruption since its inception here

We feel MEDIKO has made a positive impact on our medical department and jail as a whole. We believe MEDIKO has saved our facility money while improving services and reducing liability. Additionally, for every off site visit you eliminate by providing on site care, you reduce your security and escape risk greatly by not having to remove an inmate from a secure facility.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our medical department.

Yours truly


L.J. Ayers III

Sheriff