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Amend the Committee Substitute to Sante Bilker (house report) on page V-15 of the bill pattern for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice by amending the following rider:

39. Continuity of Care. (a) Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Special Needs Programs and Services, the Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments (TCOOMMI) shall coordinate with the Texas Department of State Health Services, county and municipal jails, and community centers as defined in the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.001 on establishing methods for the continuity of care for pre-and post-release activities of defendants who are returned to the county of conviction after the defendant's competency has been restored. TCOOMMI shall coordinate in the same manner it performs continuity of care activities for offenders with special needs.

(b) As part of the Continuity of Care Plan and in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 each fiscal year, HHSC shall provide a 90-day post-release supply of medication to defendants who, after having been committed to a state mental health facility for restoration of competency under Chapter 46B, Code of Criminal Procedure, are being returned to the committing court for trial. The 90-day supply of medication shall be the same as prescribed in the Continuity of Care Plan prepared by the state mental health facility. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1., Special Needs Programs and Services, TCOOMMI shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with HHSC for the purpose of reimbursing HHSC in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 each fiscal year for providing the medication for defendants. TCOOMMI shall report amounts reimbursed to HHSC to appropriate legislative oversight committees by October 1 of each fiscal year.