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## Wexford of Indiana Begins Providing Health Care to 26,000+ Indiana Offenders

April 3, 2017 – On April 1, after successfully completing a statewide contract transition in only 25 days, Wexford of Indiana LLC (Wexford) began providing comprehensive health services for more than 26,000 offenders housed in Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) facilities.

Wexford of Indiana is part of the Wexford companies: a corporate family comprised of some of the nation's leading correctional health care firms. Through its contract with the IDOC, Wexford will provide offenders in the Indiana prison system with expanded clinical staff and programming, for a lower price than what the current contract and CPI increases would have cost Indiana taxpayers moving forward.

"Any transition brings countless challenges. But we are proud to have completed this transition so quickly and seamlessly, so we can now begin serving the people of Indiana," said Dan Conn, President & CEO of Wexford. "The Indiana Department of Correction has proven itself to be an exceptional partner. We look forward to working with the IDOC team for many years to come."

Wexford's contract with the IDOC is for an initial three-year period, with options for two additional three-year terms. The contract calls for the company to provide comprehensive health services for approximately 26,500 offenders at 32 different locations across Indiana, with a special emphasis on improving mental health and substance abuse programming.

"Like so many states, Indiana deals with a significant number of offenders who have mental health or substance abuse problems. We are very pleased to bring on board a health provider that has so much expertise and experience around the nation addressing these issues," said IDOC Commissioner Robert E. Carter, Jr. "Wexford's ability to complete the transition process in such a short time is another reason to be encouraged that their expertise will benefit both the offenders we care for and the taxpayers we serve."

Wexford won the contract to serve IDOC offenders after a rigorous competitive process in which the company demonstrated that its programs and capabilities best met the needs of Indiana offender patients, while providing the best value for State taxpayers.

The Wexford companies, a group of the nation's largest correctional health care vendors, provide medical, mental health, pharmacy, rehabilitation, utilization management, claims processing, and technology services to state, regional, and local clients across the country. The companies help governments, correctional facilities, and other institutions to control offender health care costs while maintaining quality of care.

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