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The Daily Gazette
Letter to the Editor
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Daily Gazette

Dear Editor,

Your article "State: Bill for youth care no surprise" swallows whole the excuses of Office of Children and Family Service's PR Director for both the expense and the delay in county billings for youth in the state's care. OCFS spares no expense for its media blitz to close state facilities, dragging surrogates from New York City around the state to promote the closures. At no time does Mr. Borges or the surrogates mention that the state could be maximizing federal reimbursement for half the expense of treating children by better utilizing the non secure facilities that Commissioner Carrión is intent on closing. Furthermore, it is far too long into the Commissioner's reign to be blaming billing delays on prior administrations. Perhaps if she spent more money on her fiscal staff and less on her PR staff the management of her agency would improve.

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