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<b>Chapter:</b> 500 Health Services		
<b>Subject:</b> Aids to Impairment		

## POLICY

The Division of Adult Institutions shall ensure medical and dental orthoses or prostheses and other aids to impairment are supplied in a timely manner when the health of the inmate patient would otherwise be adversely affected, as determined by the responsible Advanced Care Provider.

## REFERENCES

Standards for Health Services in Prisons – National Commission on Correctional Health Care, 2014, P-G-10 – Aids to Impairment

Health Services Policy and Procedures 300:07 – Medical/Dental Restrictions/Special Needs

DAI Policy 316.00.01 – Inmate Copayment for Health Services

DAI Policy 500.10.12 – Prior Authorization Guidelines for Non-Urgent Care (Class III)

DAI Policy 500.30.35 – Optometry Services

DAI Policy 500.40.06 – Routine Dental Treatments

## DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS, AND FORMS

Aids to Impairment – Includes, but is not limited to, eyeglasses, hearing aids, canes, crutches and wheelchairs.

BHS – Bureau of Health Services

Orthoses – Specialized mechanical devices such as braces, foot inserts, or hand splints, used to support or supplement weakened or abnormal joints or limbs.

Prostheses – Artificial devices to replace missing body parts such as limbs, teeth, eyes or heart valves.

## PROCEDURE

### I. Provision of Aids to Impairment

A. Health records confirm inmate patients receive prescribed aids to impairment.

B. These items include, but are not limited to:

1. Orthoses.
2. Prostheses.
3. Aids to Impairment.

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C. Aids to impairment become the personal property of the inmate patient and shall be transferred with the inmate patient from facility to facility.

## II. Security Risks and Concerns Related to Aids to Impairment

- A. Security shall not remove aids to impairment from an inmate patient's possession unless a significant security risk is identified.
- B. When there is a significant security risk and aids to impairment are contraindicated, security shall consult with Health Services (on site or on call) for consideration of alternatives so the health needs of the inmate patient are met.

## III. Repair and Replacement of Aids to Impairment

- A. DAI Policy 500.10.12 and 500.40.06 shall be followed for repair or replacement of aids to impairment items that cost over \$500.00. The following considerations shall be made prior to considering a request for items:
1. Relative need or overall necessity, including history of use.
  2. Urgency of need.
  3. Time left on sentence.
  4. Morbidity mortality.
  5. Functional disability and expected improvement.
  6. Alternatives.
  7. Risks and benefits.
  8. Cost/benefit.
  9. Security concern.
- B. Refer to DAI Policy 316.00.01 for inmate patient copayment for repair or replacement of aids to impairment items.

**Bureau of Health Services:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
James Greer, Director

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**Administrator's Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Jim Schwochert, Administrator

**DIVISION OF ADULT INSTITUTIONS FACILITY IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES**

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<b>Will Implement</b> <input type="checkbox"/> As written <input type="checkbox"/> With below procedures for facility implementation		
<b>Warden's/Center Superintendent's Approval:</b>		

**REFERENCES**

**DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS, AND FORMS**

**FACILITY PROCEDURE**

- I.
  - A.
  - B.
    - 1.
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      - a.
      - b.
      - c.
    - 3.
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II.

III.

**RESPONSIBILITY**

I. Staff

II. Inmate

III. Other