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Chapter: 500 Health Services		
Subject: Over the Counter Medications		

POLICY

Patients may obtain over the counter medications either through Canteen or the Health Services Unit. The Health Services Unit shall provide over the counter medications after an assessment when determined medically necessary.

REFERENCES

Standards for Health Services in Prison, National Commission on Correctional Health Care, 2008, Pharmaceuticals P-D-01 and Medication Services, P-D-02
DOC-BHS Nursing Protocols

DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS, AND FORMS

Advanced Care Provider (ACP) – A provider with prescriptive authority.

BHS – Bureau of Health Services

DOC-3034 – Patient Medication Profile

DOC-3035 – Health Service Request and Copayment Disbursement Authorization

HSU – Health Services Unit

OTC – Over-the-counter medications

Qualified health care professional – Includes physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, dentists, optometrists and podiatrists.

PROCEDURES**I. Overview**

- A. OTC medications may be provided to patients by HSU according to nursing protocols or an ACP order.
- B. Facilities shall establish a reasonable supply of OTC medications for after HSU hours-use, including those indicated for symptoms of pain, nasal congestion, and dyspepsia.
- C. OTC medications shall not be given to patients by facility staff without first consulting an on-call registered nurse.

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- D. Patients in segregation (or similar classification) who do not have canteen privileges may submit a DOC-3035 – Health Service Request and Copayment Disbursement Authorization requesting an evaluation for OTCs.
- E. OTCs to cover all the nursing protocols shall be maintained in each HSU.
- F. BHS Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee shall provide on an annual basis a list of the required OTC medications for facility Canteens.

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

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Dr. David Burnett, Medical Director

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Mary Muse, Nursing Director

Administrator's Approval: _____ **Date Signed:** _____
Cathy A. Jess, Administrator

DIVISION OF ADULT INSTITUTIONS FACILITY IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES

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

REFERENCES

DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS, AND FORMS

FACILITY PROCEDURE

- I.
 - A.
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RESPONSIBILITY

I. Staff

II. Inmate

III. Other