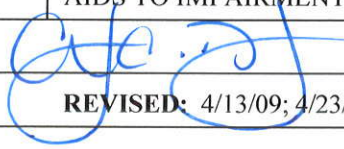


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CHAPTER: 11 BUREAU OF CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES	SUBJECT: AIDS TO IMPAIRMENT	
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- I. AUTHORITY: Bureau of Correctional Healthcare Services
- II. PURPOSE: Medical and dental prosthesis are provided when the health of the offender indicates the need for the prosthetic device.
- III. APPLICABILITY: All Department of Correction (DOC) employees and vendor staff, offenders, and any outside healthcare provider servicing DOC offenders.
- IV. DEFINITIONS: See policy.
- V. POLICY:
1. Aids to impairment, such as, prostheses, orthosis, artificial limbs, eyeglasses, dental plates and required braces, are available to the offender by a physician's or dentist's order when health would be adversely affected without the prosthesis/orthosis. The provider will work with custody to assure the device is not a security risk.
 2. A medical prosthesis is not be replaced unless defective or currently inadequate to fulfill its purpose.
 3. Medical prostheses are not prescribed for the primary purpose of cosmetics.
 4. Prostheses are obtained following review and approval by the physician.
 5. When a prosthesis/orthosis is received, the offender signs a receipt for medical product assuming responsibility for care of the item.
 6. The receipt for medical product is retained in the Medical Record.

References:

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