

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

245

INMATE MEDICAL CHARGES

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RESPONSIBILITY

The Deputy Director of Support Services and the Medical Director are responsible to implement this regulation.

245.01 CHARGES FOR MEDICAL SERVICES

1. Inmates will be charged a fee for each visit to a medical provider for all non-exempt examinations or treatments. Voluntarily missed appointments will still incur a charge. Inmates will be charged 100% in advance for the actual cost of any approved elective procedure and related costs that are not considered medically necessary by the Department medical staff.
2. Inmates will be charged a fee for each medically necessary prosthetic device or appliance received. A fee will also be charged to offset any repair costs. Inmates will be charged 100% in advance for the actual cost of any prosthetic device/appliance, which is not medically required, subject to the appropriate approvals. If the prosthetic device/appliance is lost, stolen or abused, the inmate may be responsible for 100% of the actual replacement cost.
3. Inmates will be charged a fee for copies of medical records.
4. Inmates will be charged a fee for each case review, whenever a Department provider is involved in the review process.
5. Inmates who are in the custody of the Department from sending states under the Interstate Compact (ICC) shall be subject to any medical charges as provided for under Nevada statutory requirements concerning health care, unless superseded by a specific contract. NDOC inmates who are in the custody of another state (receiving state) under the provisions of the ICC shall be subject to any medical charges as provided for under the receiving state's statutory requirements concerning health care, unless superseded by a specific contract.
6. No inmate will be refused medical services for lack of financial resources to pay for medical examinations or treatments.

245.02 CHARGES FOR ALTERCATIONS, RECREATIONAL INJURIES OR SELF INFLICTED INJURIES

1. Inmates will be charged for medical examination, diagnosis and/or treatment for injuries which result from altercations, recreational injuries or self-inflicted injuries.
2. Fees will be charged for all injury related care provided inside the institution, including but not limited to, nurse visits, doctor visits, pharmaceuticals, infirmary time and mental health unit time.
3. Inmates will be charged 100% of the actual cost of all other related expenses incurred outside the institution/facility such as, but not limited to, ambulance service, hospitalization, pharmaceuticals, diagnostic and surgical procedures.

245.03 REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICAL EXPENSES

1. Inmate Banking Services will reimburse the Medical Division for all authorized inmate medical expenses pursuant to this regulation. Inmate Banking Services will be responsible for seeking reimbursement from the individual inmates when applicable.
2. Reimbursements will be made directly from the Inmate Welfare Fund after it has been determined by Inmate Banking Services sufficient revenues are available for the reimbursement taking into consideration prior debts, such as legislatively mandated expenses and contractual obligations. If insufficient revenues exist at the time of the request for reimbursement a repayment schedule will be proposed after proper notifications.
3. Inmate Banking Services will post the medical costs to the inmate's Trust Account (Prisoner's Personal Property Fund) only. Reimbursement will be made to the Inmate Welfare fund when funds become available in the inmate's Trust Account.

245.04 APPLICABILITY

1. An Operational Procedure to implement this Regulation will be completed by the Support Services Division and Medical Division.
2. This regulation does not require an audit.

REFERENCES

ACA Standard 4-4345

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Date