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<b>OVER-THE-COUNTER PRODUCTS POLICY</b>	Attachments: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## I. POLICY OVERVIEW

The Over-the-Counter (OTC) Products Policy is established to align California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation practices for distribution of over-the-counter medical consumables, as identified in 4.35.3, OTC Products List, to the inmate population through the canteen services system.

## II. PURPOSE

To ensure all inmates have equal access to OTC products without cost to inmate or the need for nurse protocol or a health care provider's prescription.

## III. DEFINITIONS

**Over-the-Counter Products:** A select list of commonly utilized health care products which are available to the general public without a prescription. These products are intended to provide relief for such issues including, but not limited to, heartburn, headache, seasonal allergies, and dry skin.

## IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chief Executive Officer and Warden, or their designees, of each institution are responsible for implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of this policy. The Director, Corrections Services, California Correctional Health Care Services will maintain controlling authority over the parameters of the OTC policy.

## V. REFERENCES

- California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Section 3190
- California Correctional Health Care Services, Inmate Medical Services Policies and Procedures, Volume 4, Chapter 35.3, Over-The-Counter Products List