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**References**

**Performance-Based Standards and Expected Practices for Adult Correctional Institutions, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition 5-ACI-6A-44; IC Fiscal Administration .0500 Canteen Operations (Cashless on the Net), Policies and Procedures Authorized Canteen Merchandise Section 6**

**I. PURPOSE**

To provide non-prescription, over-the-counter (OTC) medications to North Carolina Department of Public Safety (NCDPS) Prisons facility canteens that shall give offenders an alternative method for treating minor, self-limiting conditions.

**II. POLICY**

- (a) The availability of OTC medications in the Canteen does not prohibit offenders from submitting a DC 602 Sick Call Appointment Request to receive treatment for minor, self-limiting conditions.
- (b) Health and Wellness staff shall continue to provide non-prescription medication to offenders based on established treatment protocols.
- (c) Health and Wellness staff shall assume no responsibility for the purchase, distribution, or maintenance of canteen non-prescription medications.
- (d) OTC medications shall not interfere with required applicable medication control at facilities.

**III. PROCEDURE**

- (a) To ensure statewide uniformity, the Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee shall recommend canteen non-prescription (OTCs) pharmaceutical products.



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- (b) The Commissioner of Prisons/Designee approves the OTCs to be sold in the Canteen.
- (c) Annually, the P&T Committee shall review the OTC medications available in the Canteen. Documentation of the annual OTC medications review shall be noted in the applicable P&T Committee minutes.
- (d) Only products that are safety sealed or unit dose shall be considered for canteen use.
- (e) Products shall contain appropriate patient labeling such as indications, dosing instructions, side effects and warnings/precautions.
- (f) Canteen medications are intended for short-term use only.
- (g) Authorized canteen merchandise is listed in the Canteen Operations (Cashless on the Net) Manual Section 6 Authorized Canteen Merchandise.

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