5-03-115 Medica Prostheses

PURPOSE OF ORDER:

To establish procedures for inmates with medical prostheses.

SCOPE OF ORDER:

This order shall apply to all personnel assigned to and/or working in any capacity at the Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF).

ORDER:

A prosthesis is defined as an artificial device used to replace a missing body part. Inmates shall not be deprived of the possession or use of any orthopedic or prosthetic device if the device has been prescribed, recommended and/or fitted by a physician.

Removal of Prostheses

If there is cause to believe that possession of the device constitutes an immediate risk of bodily harm to any person in the facility or threatens the security of the facility, the Watch Commander shall be notified and determine if the device should be taken from the inmate. The Watch Commander will prepare a memorandum explaining why the prosthesis was taken and submit it to Operations for review by the Unit Commander. [REDACTED TEXT]

When the appliance is removed, the inmate shall be examined by a physician within 24 hours of the removal. The physician will make a determination if the removal negatively impacts the health or safety of the inmate and notify the unit commander of his/her findings.

Upon notification from the physician, the unit commander shall determine if the appliance is to be returned to the inmate. If the appliance is not returned, the unit commander shall inform the physician and the inmate of the reasons for this action and provide the inmate with a form to petition the Superior Court, pursuant to the Penal Code, section 2656, "Orthopedic or Prosthetic Devices."

Inmate Relinquishes Device

If an inmate voluntarily relinquishes and/or declines the necessity of the prosthetic device, Reception Center personnel shall write an *Information Only* IRTS report. The report shall include the Medical Services personnel present during the inmate’s search and statement.

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