5-08-180 Physicians' Orders

PURPOSE OF ORDER:

Occasionally, inmates with medical conditions will need items to assist in the treatment of their condition. Their respective physician may order that we receive these items. To prevent the introduction of contraband and/or inappropriate items, the physician's orders must be reviewed prior to issuance/acceptance of the items. This order shall apply only to items brought into Twin Towers Correctional Facility (TTCF) from outside sources.

SCOPE OF ORDER:

This order shall apply to all personnel assigned to and/or working in any capacity at Twin Towers Correctional Facility.

ORDER:

Items ordered by a physician for any inmate housed in TTCF, and brought to the facility from any source other than an authorized vendor, shall be subject to the provisions of TTCF Unit Order #5-21-310, Allowable Inmate Property, regarding contraband. All medication received from outside sources shall be examined by the TTCF Pharmacy and then repackaged for issuance to the inmate.

All Physicians' orders and subsequent medical items shall be routed to the Medical Liaison Unit for processing and issuance. An item must meet the approval of the Medical Services Bureau Sergeant or Medical Liaison Unit before it can be issued. If the aforementioned are not available, the TTCF Watch Commander/Sergeant shall make a determination regarding the item.

Physicians' orders that do not meet the requirements of the unit order regarding contraband shall not be accepted, and the requesting Physician shall be notified in writing by the Medical Liaison Unit. All efforts shall be made to comply with any approved order in a timely manner. If possible, the inmate's outside source should be directed to contact the Medical Liaison Unit at (213) 893-5676 to arrange delivery of the approved item.