

<b>DATE:</b>	AUGUST 21, 2018
<b>NUMBER:</b>	M.20
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	SALE OF OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS
<b>RELATED SECTIONS:</b>	<a href="#">MSD 0.4</a> , <a href="#">M.15</a> , <a href="#">M.19</a>

**PURPOSE**

To allow inmates the ability to purchase selected over-the-counter (OTC) medications through Commissary Stores. Indigent inmates requiring medically necessary OTC medication may receive OTC medications via sick call procedure.

**POLICY**

Designated OTC medications, in their consumer labeled containers, shall be made available through Commissary Stores for inmate purchase. The list of OTC medications is reviewed at least annually and in the event a change to the list is proposed.

**PROCEDURE**

- I. The Sheriff's chief medical officer (CMO) along with Detentions Administration and the Inmate Welfare Committee reviews and approves the commissary OTC medication list. Currently antacid tablets, cough suppressant tablets/menthol and melatonin remain available for purchase.
- II. Medication Purchase Limitations and Guidelines
  - A. Medical staff may revoke, cancel, or put on hold any inmate's OTC medication purchasing privileges; whenever it is determined that use of such medications may be detrimental to the medical or mental health of the inmate and/or interfere with the medical or mental health treatment of the inmate. This can be done by communicating with Commissary Stores via JIMS or e-mail and documenting the order in the inmate's record.
  - B. Abuse or misuse by an inmate of over-the-counter medication of any kind shall be reported to medical staff and shall lead to termination of the inmate's privilege to purchase such medication from the Commissary Stores.