

# **Notice to Inmates**

## **Inmate Fee for Health Care**

**Beginning September 1, 2019**, there was a change in the state law regarding the amount of health care services fees that the Department of Criminal Justice is required to collect from each inmate who request a visit to a health care provider.

**You will be charged a health care service fee of \$13.55 for the first seven health care visits that you request, totaling \$94.85.** You make such a request by completing and submitting a Sick Call Request form or by requesting staff members' aid in accessing routine health care services that are non-emergent or life-threatening as walk-in patient.

Any visits that you request after the first seven health care visits that do not meet the exemption criteria, during the state fiscal year, will not be charged the \$13.55 fee. If you do not request a health care visit, you will not be charged a fee for health care.

The fee will be charged to your trust fund account. If there is not enough money in your trust fund account, the law requires that 50% of each deposit to your trust fund account be applied to the amount owed until the total amount is paid.

**You will not be charged for a health care visit that is for:**

- an emergency or life-threatening situation
- follow-up services recommended by the health care staff
- chronic care (including communicable diseases such as HIV, AIDS, and TB)
- prenatal care
- health screening and evaluations related to the diagnostic and intake process
- health care services necessary to comply with state law and regulations

**You will not be denied health care if you do not have money in your trust fund account to pay the fee.**