



Policy Directive 16

Provision of Health Services and Additional Medical Costs

- Relevant Instruments:** [Prisons Act 1981](#)
[Policy Directive 42 – Prisoner Property](#)
[Health Insurance Act 1973](#)
[Health Services Policy PM 15 – Additional Medical Costs](#)
[Health Services Policy PM 37 – Private Health Consultations](#)
[Health Services Policy PM 38 – Orthopaedic Appliances](#)

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1. Purpose

The intent of this policy is to ensure that adult custodial staff and prisoners housed within Western Australia are informed as to processes and entitlements regarding the provision of health services.

2. Policy

The Department of Corrective Service (DCS) has a responsibility to ensure that medical care and treatment are provided to prisoners, in accordance with s 95A of the [Prisons Act 1981](#). DCS also encourages prisoners to take responsibility for improving their health status and preventing illness.

The Deputy Commissioner Adult Justice Services, in consultation with the Director, Health Services, shall approve and maintain operational procedures consistent with this policy, to be published as [Provision of Health Services and Additional Medical Costs – Procedures](#).

This Policy Directive and associated Procedures and appendices shall be written in accordance with any relevant Health Services policies.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all publicly operated prisons.

4. Policy review

This policy is to be reviewed on a triennial basis. Procedures to this policy may be amended by the Deputy Commissioner Justice Services as necessary to reflect changes to prison or Health Services' processes.

5. Appendices

[Provision of Health Services and Additional Medical Costs - Procedures](#)

6. Approval

Commissioner

Signature:



Date: 8 September 2014

7. Policy sponsor

Deputy Commissioner Adult Justice Services

8. Contact person

The following persons may be approached on a routine basis in relation to this policy:

Principal Operational Policy Officer

9. Amendment history

Version	Approved	Effective from
1. First published	N/K	2006
2. Amended. PD 12 – Men's and Women's Preventative Health Programmes and PD 20 – Charges for Oral, Optometrical and Hearing Aids are superseded by the updated PD 16 (previously titled Orthopaedic Appliances)	Commissioner	8 September 2014