

**MARIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
CUSTODY DIVISION POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL**

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MEDICAL FEE

POLICY

In the event an inmate initiates a request for Medical or Dental services, there will be a three dollar charge assessed against that inmate's trust account. In the event the inmate is indigent (\$2.00 or less on his account) there will be a 30 day hold in which the charge can be applied if the inmate receives funds for that account. Medical staff may waive the fee for any inmate-initiated treatment and shall waive the fee in any life-threatening or emergency situation, defined as those health services required for alleviation of severe pain for immediate diagnosis and treatment of unforeseen medical conditions that if not immediately diagnosed and treated could lead to disability or death. At no time is there a Medical Fee for mental health services or for treatment of communicable diseases. An inmate shall not be denied medical care because of a lack of funds in his or her personal account at the facility.

DEFINITION:

SICK CALL - Is held 7 days a week at the Marin County Jail.

MEDICAL REQUEST FORMS - A form filled out by the inmates requesting medical attention. Medical request forms shall be available in each pod. In the Lock Down pod medical request forms will be made available upon request and may be personally given to the nurse or deputy by the inmate during sick call rounds, medication rounds, or welfare checks.

PROCEDURE

Inmates will sign up for sick call by filling out a medical request form and placing it into the locked medical box in the pod. In Lock Down pod, the medical request forms will be made available upon request and may be personally given to the nurse or deputy by the inmate on sick call rounds, medication rounds, or welfare checks.

The medical request forms will be collected by medical personnel each night shift or prior to 0730 hours. Medical staff determines if a charge for a medical request and subsequent procedure is appropriate. Any grievances from inmates concerning whether or not he/she should be charged for a medical procedure should be referred to medical staff.

Inmates who are on "indigent status" will also be assessed under the co-payment system. The appropriate charges will remain in a 30 day hold event during which time a charge can be applied if the inmate receives funds on their account. In the event no funds are placed on the inmates account within the 30 day period the hold will drop off and no funds can be collected.

RELATED STANDARDS:

4011.2 Penal Code

SB 163

California Medical Association Standards

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By order of

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BUREAU COMMANDER