

HEALTH SERVICES POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

North Carolina Department Of Correction
Division Of Prisons

SECTION: Care and Treatment of Patient -
Medication Administration

POLICY # TX II-13

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SUBJECT: Non-Prescription Medication in Canteen

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 2004

SUPERCEDES DATE: May 2002

PURPOSE

The purpose of providing non-prescription medications (OTC's) in DOP canteens is to give inmates an alternative method for treating minor, self-limiting conditions.

POLICY

The availability of OTC's does not prohibit inmates from attending sick call to receive treatment for minor, self-limiting conditions. Medical staff will continue to provide non-prescription medication to inmates based on established treatment protocols.

Health Services staff assumes no responsibility for the purchase, distribution, or maintenance of canteen non-prescription medications.

The addition of these products will not interfere with the control of medication the DOP requires in an inpatient facility.

PROCEDURE

1. To ensure statewide uniformity, DOP Health Services will select canteen non-prescription pharmaceutical products.
2. Only products that are safety sealed or unit dose will be considered for canteen use.
3. In addition the products must contain appropriate patient labeling such as indications, dosing instructions, side effects and warnings/precautions.
4. Canteen medications are intended for short term use only. For a complete listing of authorized canteen merchandise see Fiscal Policy .0500.



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