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Legal References (includes but is not limited to) IC 11-8-2-5	Related Policies/Procedures (includes but is not limited to) 01-02-101	Other References (includes but is not limited to) National Correctional Healthcare Standards
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I. PURPOSE:

This Health Care Services Directive (HCSD) describes the circumstances in which the Department's Health Services Division provides assistive devices.

II. GUIDELINES:

- A. Assistive devices run from the routine (eyeglasses, dentures, etc.) to the unusual (prosthetic limbs, motorized wheelchairs, etc.). When assistive devices are necessary to address significant impairments in ability to perform activities of daily living (ADL), to relieve pain, or to otherwise significantly improve the health of a youth, those devices will be provided.
- B. On occasion, these devices will be brought with a youth upon arrival to the facility. When such a device is received, its necessity shall be reviewed by Health Services and a recommendation is made regarding its use.
 1. If Health Services recommends its use, the device shall be inspected by Operations staff. If Operations staff has questions regarding the specific item, Operations and Health Services staff shall review the item and determine whether it is necessary or whether a different assistive device will be provided.
 2. If Health Services does not recommend its use, the device shall be considered property and Operations staff will determine whether it will be permitted.
- C. On occasion, assistive devices will be provided by Vocational Rehabilitation Services or other outside agencies. When outside agencies provide devices, they shall be reviewed as described in "B", above.

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- D. If assistive devices are necessary as in “A” above, they shall be provided and supported by the Health Services vendor. If questions regarding the necessity for provision of assistive devices arise, the Health Services Administrator shall attempt to resolve the questions locally.
- E. Preventive maintenance, adjustments, modifications, and repairs shall be performed on assistive devices as necessary to ensure they remain functional. Services shall be provided in a timely manner so as to prevent deterioration of the users’ health conditions.
- F. In general, assistive devices shall be replaced when:
 - 1. The youth’s health condition changes to the extent that the current assistive device no longer meets the youth’s needs;
 - 2. Weight gain or loss, growth, or surgical revision renders the currently assistive device useless;
 - 3. Initial assessment, measurement, or fabrication was incorrect;
 - 4. Normal wear and tear renders an assistive device unsafe or incapable of addressing the health or ambulatory needs of the youth; or,
 - 5. When repairs to the device are no longer cost-effective.
- G. Discharge planning must include arrangements that ensure the youth’s need for an assistive device will continue to be met through the immediate post-release period.

III. APPLICABILITY:

This HCSD is applicable to facilities providing Health Services to youth.

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