	DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION CORRECTIONS ADMINISTRATION POLICY AND PROCEDURES	EFFECTIVE DATE: January 01, 2024	POLICY NO.: COR.10.E.13
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1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the timely assessment of a patient's vision and provide guidance on ordering optical appliances for pathological conditions

2.0 SCOPE

This policy and procedure shall apply to all correctional facilities and their assigned personnel within the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR).

3.0 REFERENCES, DEFINITIONS & FORMS

.1 References

- a. Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 26-14.6, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Section 353-A, Director of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Powers and Duties.
- b. Standards for Health Services in Prisons. National Commission on Correctional Health Care, (2018).
- c. Standards for Health Services in Jails. National Commission on Correctional Health Care, (2018).
- d. Standards for Mental Health Services in Correctional Facilities. National Commission on Correctional Health Care, (2015).

.2 Definitions

- a. **Prostheses:** a device, either external or implanted, that substitutes for or supplements a missing or defective body part.

4.0 POLICY

Eye examinations shall be provided to patients who meet established criteria for vision test. Patients shall be allowed to purchase corrective eyeglasses and reading glasses at their own expense.

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5.0 PROCEDURES

- .1 A visual acuity test shall be completed on each patient admitted into the system during the intake history or physical. Patients with globe prosthesis, eye injury, abnormality of the eye, or suspected infections shall be triaged and referred to the physician or nurse practitioner.
- .2 A visual acuity test shall be completed on every patient during their regularly scheduled interval physicals.
- .3 Far vision shall be tested with the Snellen eye chart. Near vision shall be tested with the Near Vision Test Card. Alternative charts may be used for patients who cannot read the alphabet.
- .4 Patients with an acuity test of 20/50 or more in both eyes shall be scheduled with an optometrist for an eye examination.
- .5 Patients requiring medically necessary prescription glasses shall be responsible for the cost of the glasses according to Policy and Procedure, COR.10.1G.10. Costly, fancy or designer frames shall not be purchased under the purchase agreement. All eye appliances, whether obtain by purchase agreement or paid for outright by the patient, shall conform to security guidelines.
- .6 Diabetics shall be scheduled for a dilated eye examination annually. Patients requiring prescription glasses shall be scheduled for a re-examination with an optometrist every three years, if age forty (40) or younger. Patients between the age of forty-one (41) and sixty-five (65) shall be scheduled for re examination with an optometrist every two (2) years. Patients over age sixty five (65) with prescription glasses shall be scheduled with an optometrist every year, if necessary.

In addition to these scheduled examinations, facility providers may order an eye examination with an optometrist or ophthalmologist whenever such an examination is deemed necessary.
- .7 Prescription glasses shall be repaired as needed. Repairs done in the Clinical Section by clinical staff are free. The patient shall be responsible for the cost of repairs that must be sent to an outside vendor.

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- .8 Prescription glasses may be replaced during the scheduled re-examination, if necessary. The patient shall be responsible for the cost of the replacement.
- .9 Prescription glasses that need replacement prior to the scheduled re-examination shall be ordered using the patient's current prescription and shall not require an examination. The patient shall be responsible for the cost of the replacement glasses.
- .10 Each Clinical Section shall stock reading glasses for patients with acuity eye test of more than 20/20, but less than 20/50 in both eyes. The patient shall be responsible for the cost of the reading glasses. Stock reading glasses shall be repaired on site by clinical staff as needed. Stock reading glasses shall not be sent outside the facility for repair. Stock reading glasses shall be replaced as needed. The patient shall be responsible for the cost of the replacement for stock reading glasses.
- .11 The Health Care Division does not authorize the purchase of contact lenses, unless they are deemed medically necessary due to a specific medical condition requiring contact lens. The facility health authority or designee shall verify medical orders for contact lenses. If the facility health authority approves the order for contact lens, the patient shall be responsible for the cost of the contact lenses.


The Health Care Division does not stock solutions for contact lenses. The patient shall be responsible for the cost of the solutions for contact lenses.

- .12 New incarcerated individual admissions wearing contact lens shall be asked to remove them and use glasses. Those incarcerated individuals without glasses may be permitted, depending on each facility's policy to continue to wear their contact lens, until there is a need for replacement. At that time, the incarcerated individual will be required to purchase glasses. Incarcerated individuals permitted to retain their contact lens shall be responsible for the cost of purchasing contact lens solutions through the commissary.

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