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#### MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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FROM: M.D. Smith, Assistant Director

for Health Services Division

SUBJECT: Waiver to Pharmacy Policy P6360.01

This national policy waiver to Pharmacy Policy P6360.01 is in response to the COVID-19 response.

# P6260.01 Pharmacy Policy states:

- 12. RELEASE/TRANSFER MEDICATION. When an inmate is transferred to a CCC, up to a 90 day supply of current medication will be provided pursuant to a new medication order. The number of days supplied will be determined on a case-by-case basis, dependent upon clinical justification and release planning for the inmate (i.e., insurance, Medicaid, Aids Drugs Assistance Programs (ADAP) availability).
  - Unless properly justified, a minimum of 30 days supply of chronic medications will be provided.
  - Inmates requiring DEA controlled substances may be considered for transfer to a CCC after institution staff consult with the Community Corrections Manager (CCM) to determine if the respective CCC can accommodate the inmate's special medication needs.

An inmate releasing from custody will be provided a 30 day supply of medication. The medication, with directions, will be given to the releasing officer as indicated by local procedure.

## National policy waiver

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this national policy waiver is granted to allow:

- Institutions to routinely provide a 90-day supply of appropriate medications for inmates releasing to a Residential Reentry Center (RRC), Home Confinement, Full Term Release, Good Conduct Time Release, Parole, or Civil Commitment Release.
- If an inmate is being transferred to home confinement or to an RRC, an initial 90-day supply of medications may be provided. The institution may provide a refill of this 90-day supply if the inmate or RRC staff contacts the institution pharmacy, while the inmate is on home confinement or at an RRC, respectively. If an inmate on home confinement must transfer back to an RRC, an additional refill of the 90-day supply of medications may be supplied by the institution for a maximum cumulative total including refills not to exceed 270 days for this specific situation. RRC staff would need to contact the institution to obtain this second refill.

This national waiver is effective through March 31, 2021.

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