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Provision of Feminine Hygiene Products

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1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This Operations Memorandum (OM) provides guidance on specific feminine hygiene products to be provided to female inmates under the Program Statement **Grooming**. This guidance applies to all facilities or units housing female inmates.

2. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

This OM ensures that female inmates have access to a range of feminine hygiene products related to menstruation.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trust Fund will continue to include at least one type of tampon, maxi pad, and panty liner as part of the minimum standardized commissary list requirement. This requirement is referenced in the Program Statement **Female Offender Manual**.

Wardens will ensure inmates are provided the following products (at no cost to the inmates):

- Tampons, regular and super size;

- Maxi Pads with wings, regular and super size; and
- Panty liners, regular.

Institutions will purchase the products in accordance with National Acquisitions guidance, and should not significantly increase overall expenditures for female hygiene products beyond current levels.

4. REFERENCES

Public Law 115-391-Dec 21, 2018, First Step Act of 2018