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**OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM**

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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. This guidance applies to all facilities or units housing female inmates.

### **2. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

This OM ensures that female inmates have available a range of feminine hygiene products related to menstruation. This requirement is referenced in the Program Review Guidelines for Female Offenders.

### **3. RESPONSIBILITIES**

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.

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 **Grooming**.

## **REFERENCES**

*U.S. Codes Referenced*

First Step Act of 2018, 18 U.S.C. § 3621(h)