

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Operations Division
Health Services Section Policy and Procedure #P-G-11.2

SUBJECT: FOOTWEAR

POLICY: The institution is responsible for the style, quality and fitting of standard issue clothing and footwear.

Inmates with medical disorders for which special, non-standard footwear is a recognized and appropriate part of the medical treatment program and for which no reasonable treatment alternative exists will be prescribed special footwear. Footwear prescribed as "medically necessary" will be provided regardless of the inmate's ability to pay.

REFERENCES: Health Services Policy & Procedure #P-G-11, Orthoses, Prostheses, and Other Aids to Impairment
OAR 291-123-0015 through 291-123-0015(5)(a)

PROCEDURE:

- A. Patients with medical disorders, which may require special foot care, may be scheduled with a practitioner for evaluation of the medical problem. Examples of the types of medical disorder for which special footwear may be medically necessary include: peripheral vascular disorders, diabetic complications, amputation, clubfoot, etc.
- B. Inmates with complaints about shoes, which do not seem to be related to a medical disorder, should be directed to other appropriate channels for assistance such as canteen, canteen committee, clothing room officer, cell block officer and work assignment officer. Complaints of shoes being uncomfortable are not in and of itself a medical problem.
- C. The practitioner doing the examination is to determine and document by history and objective examination:
 1. Whether an inmate has a formal medical disorder for which non-standard or modified footwear is a recognized and appropriate part of the medical treatment plan, and
 2. Without which there is likely to be serious deterioration in, or significant risk to, the inmate's basic health, and
 3. For which no appropriate alternative exists.

A practitioner order for specialty shoes must be supported in the progress notes including diagnosis and treatment plan according to the criteria 1-3 above.

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- D. Non-standard shoe orders are Level 3 care according to Policy and Procedure #P-A-02.1, and need to be reviewed and approved by the Chief Medical Officer or the Therapeutic Levels of Care committee.
- E. After authorization, the order for modified or specialty shoes will be implemented by the Health Service Manager or designee and sent to the appropriate purchasing agent (canteen, orthopedic supply house, etc.).
- F. Shoes authorized by the above process and deemed "medically necessary" will not be denied due to inmate indigence. However, as a personal property item, they are charged or debited to the inmate's account in accordance with P&P P-G-11, Orthoses, Prostheses, and Other Aids to Impairment.
- G. Requests for specialty athletic shoes are not a medical issue and should not be scheduled for practitioner examination.

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