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HEALTH CARE CO-PAYMENT PROGRAM

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SUMMARY OF REVISION/REVIEW:

Removed I.D. that individuals will be charged a different co-payment for inpatient hospitalizations

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REFERENCES:


DOC 100.100 is hereby incorporated into this policy; [RCW 72.10.020](#); DOC 200.000 Trust Accounts for Incarcerated Individuals; DOC 490.800 Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Prevention and Reporting; [Washington DOC Health Plan](#); [PREA Standards](#)

POLICY:

- I. Individuals in total confinement facilities will be charged a co-payment to participate in the costs associated with health care services.

DIRECTIVE:

- I. General Requirements
 - A. All new or readmitted individuals will be provided written information about co-payments during facility orientation.
 - B. Individuals will be charged a co-payment for all visits, except:
 1. Intake health services examinations or health services required by Department policy for injuries not related to work.
 - a. Visits for work-related injuries will be subject to a co-payment until and unless a completed DOC 03-133 Accident/Injury Report is received, or a Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) claim is filed and approved.
 2. Court-ordered evaluations.
 3. Health services visits initiated by a medical/mental health/dental provider, including follow-up visits scheduled at the request of a health care provider.
 - a. Co-payments will be charged for initial dental treatment appointments.
 4. Medication distribution.
 5. Mental health services provided to individuals in Residential Treatment Units (RTUs).
 - a. Co-payments will be charged for general and emergency medical services provided to individuals in RTUs.

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6. Medical and mental health services allowed under the Washington DOC Health Plan related to sexual misconduct as defined in DOC 490.800 Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Prevention and Reporting.
 7. Emergency visits initiated by employees/contract staff.
- C. A co-payment of \$4.00 will be assessed against the individual's facility account for each co-payable visit per DOC 200.000 Trust Accounts for Incarcerated Individuals.
- D. Health services employees/contract staff will provide service on the basis of what is medically necessary.
1. Medically necessary health services will not be denied or delayed based on an individual's inability to pay.
 2. A service or procedure will be considered complete when there is no longer any requirement for scheduled follow-up care for the specific medical/dental need as determined by the health care provider.

DEFINITIONS:

The following words/terms are important to this policy and are defined in the glossary section of the Policy Manual: Health Care Provider. Other words/terms appearing in this policy may also be defined in the glossary.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

DOC FORMS:

DOC 03-133 Accident/Injury Report