

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION
603**

MEDICAL/NON-MEDICAL DEVICES

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RESPONSIBILITY

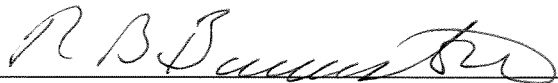
Medical Division staff has the responsibility to have knowledge of and comply with this procedure.

603.01 MEDICAL/NON-MEDICAL DEVICES

1. Medical or non-medical devices are usually classified as: orthoses (specialized mechanical devices, including but not limited to braces, footwear inserts and splints); prostheses (artificial devices to replace missing body parts, including but not limited to limbs, teeth, artificial eyes or heart valves); aids to impairment (item including but not limited to eyeglasses, hearing aids, canes, crutches, and wheel chairs); and comfort items (items not of proven medical benefit or necessity to treat serious illness, including but not limited to mattresses, shoes and chairs).
2. The Medical Division of the Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC) will provide those devices (orthoses, prostheses, aids to impairment, or comfort items) to inmates who have a proven medical condition for which there is medical evidence which supports the use of such device as being necessary to prevent or treat a serious medical condition, or which is proven necessary for the performance of the required activities in the correctional institutional environment.
3. Request by practitioners (physicians, physician assistant or advanced practitioner of nursing) for such devices must be supported by reputable and scientific medical evidence supporting the effectiveness and necessity of the request item to treat or prevent a serious medical condition.
4. Request for such device may require the approval of the Utilization Review Panel.
5. Wardens of the respective institutions where these devices are prescribed, will be consulted to mitigate any safety or security concerns.

APPLICABILTY

1. This regulation requires a medical directive to describe the procedure for providing medically necessary devices to inmates in the NDOC.
2. This regulation does not require an audit.



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