

# HEALTH SERVICES POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

North Carolina Department Public Safety  
Prison

SECTION: Care and Treatment of Patient -  
Medication Administration

POLICY # TX II-13

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SUBJECT: Non-Prescription Medication in Canteen

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## References

**Related ACA Standards**

**4<sup>th</sup> Edition Standards for Adult Correctional  
Institutions 4-4379**

## PURPOSE

To provide non-prescription medications (OTC medications) to Department of Public Safety (DPS) facility canteens that will give offenders an alternative method for treating minor, self-limiting conditions.

## POLICY

The availability of OTC medications does not prohibit offenders from attending sick call to receive treatment for minor, self-limiting conditions. Medical staff will continue to provide non-prescription medication to offenders based on established treatment protocols.

Health Services staff assumes no responsibility for the purchase, distribution, or maintenance of canteen non-prescription medications.

The addition of these products will not interfere with the control of medication the DPS requires in the facilities.

## PROCEDURE

1. To ensure statewide uniformity, Health Services will select canteen non-prescription pharmaceutical products.
2. Only products that are safety sealed or unit dose will be considered for canteen use.
3. Products must contain appropriate patient labeling such as indications, dosing instructions, side effects and warnings/precautions.
4. Canteen medications are intended for short term use only. For a complete listing of authorized canteen merchandise see Fiscal Policy .0500.

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