

Prostheses and Orthopedic Devices

1003.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

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The purpose is for the health administrator in cooperation with the Chief Probation Officer, or authorized designee and the responsible physician to establish and implement written policy and procedures regarding the provision, retention and removal of medical and dental prostheses. This policy applies to all juvenile facility staff.

1003.1.1 DEFINITION

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Definition related to this policy includes:

Prostheses – Artificial devices used to replace missing body parts or to compensate for defective bodily functions. Prostheses are distinguished from slings, crutches, or other similar assisting devices. Examples of prostheses: eyeglasses and hearing aids.

1003.2 AUTHORITY AND REFERENCES

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- Board of State and Community Corrections Title 15 § 1436;
- California Penal Code § 2656;
- Riverside County Correctional Healthcare Services Manual;
- Welfare and Institutions Code §§ 209, 210 & 885.

1003.3 POLICY

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All medical/dental prostheses shall be provided for each youth based on the physician's evaluation and prescription for the device.

1003.4 PROVISION

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Prostheses shall be provided when the health of the youth would otherwise be adversely affected, as determined by the responsible physician.

1003.5 RETENTION AND REMOVAL

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Procedures for retention and removal of prostheses shall comply with the requirements of California Penal Code Section 2656. This law requires:

- (a) There shall be probable cause to believe possession of such orthopedic or prosthetic appliance constitutes an immediate risk of bodily harm to any person in the juvenile

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facility or threatens the security of the juvenile facility, thus such appliance may be removed.

- (b) If such appliance is removed, the youth shall be deprived of such appliance only during such time as the facts which constitute probable cause for its removal continue to exist; if such facts cease to exist, then the person in charge of the facility shall return such appliance to the youth.
- (c) When such appliance is removed, the youth shall be examined by a responsible physician within 24 hours after such removal.

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