

241.74 HEALTH CARE.

Subdivision 1. **Generally.** The commissioner of corrections shall provide professional health care to persons confined in institutions under the control of the commissioner of corrections and pay the costs of their care in hospitals and other medical facilities not under the control of the commissioner of corrections. All reimbursements for these health care services shall be deposited in the general fund. The commissioner of corrections is authorized to contract with or reimburse entities, including health care management companies, to provide health care to inmates, at reimbursement rates equal to medical assistance unless otherwise negotiated. With respect to these contracts, these entities shall not be regulated as, or otherwise considered to be, health plan companies as defined in section 62Q.01, subdivision 4.

Subd. 2. **Health care peer review committee.** (a) The commissioner of corrections shall establish a health care peer review committee. Sections 145.61 to 145.67 apply to the committee. The committee shall gather, review, and evaluate information relating to the on-site and off-site quality of care and treatment of offenders. The committee shall consist of:

- (1) the department medical director;
- (2) the regional medical director of the contracted health care vendor;
- (3) the department director of nursing or a designee;
- (4) a physician from the contracting hospital provider;
- (5) another physician who provides health care to offenders on site at a correctional facility;
- (6) one or more licensed physicians or nurse practitioners from the community, in person or by telephone, with expertise in the most appropriate clinical area;
- (7) the director of psychiatry of the contracted vendor;
- (8) the pharmacist liaison of the contracted vendor's pharmacy vendor;
- (9) the clinical pharmacist of the contracted vendor;
- (10) in cases of suicide or unanticipated death, a representative from the Office of Special Investigations; and
- (11) other ad hoc members as indicated at the discretion of the Department of Corrections medical director or chief medical officer.

(b) The peer review committee under paragraph (a) does not expire.

Subd. 3. **Feminine hygiene.** Feminine hygiene products, including at a minimum sanitary napkins and tampons, shall be provided at no cost to individuals housed in state correctional facilities used for the general confinement of female inmates. The commissioner of corrections shall develop a written policy to implement a process whereby a reasonable number of feminine hygiene products are available to female inmates.

History: 1981 c 360 art 1 s 16; 2000 c 299 s 1; 2001 c 210 s 5,7; 2008 c 252 s 2; 2014 c 286 art 8 s 29; 2020 c 110 s 2; 2022 c 98 art 4 s 51; 2024 c 123 art 8 s 4; 2026 c 97 art 5 s 9