



# CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES

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<b>4.23 COMPREHENSIVE ACCOMMODATION POLICY</b>	Attachments: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## I. POLICY

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS) shall provide medically necessary accommodations to patients to ensure equal access to prison services, programs, and activities. CCHCS shall maintain a formulary that contains statewide guidance for certain types of accommodations. Accommodations not listed in the formulary, or formulary accommodations based on medical necessity, may be requested via the nonformulary accommodation process, as outlined in Inmate Medical Services Policies and Procedures (IMSP&P), Volume 4, Chapter 23.1, Comprehensive Accommodation Procedure.

Durable medical equipment provided as a part of an accommodation is addressed in IMSP&P, Volume 4, Chapter 32, Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supply Policy and Procedure.

## II. PURPOSE

To provide patients standardized temporary or permanent medically necessary accommodations to ensure equal access to prison services, programs, and activities and to ensure continuity of all medically necessary accommodations.

## III. DEFINITIONS

**Accommodation:** Reasonably necessary and appropriate modification or adjustment, not imposing a disproportionate or undue burden, to ensure a patient with a disability has equal access to programs, services, and activities.

**Nonformulary Accommodation:** An accommodation not listed in the formulary or a formulary accommodation based on medical necessity.

## IV. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The Deputy Director, Medical Services, is responsible for the statewide policy and oversight.
- B. The Regional Deputy Medical Executives are responsible for implementation of the procedure at each of their respective institutions.
- C. The Chief Executive Officer, Warden, and Chief Medical Executive at each institution are jointly responsible for the implementation of this policy.

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## **V. REFERENCES**

- Armstrong Remedial Plan, *Armstrong v. Brown*, U.S. District Court of Northern California, Case No. C94-2307 CW, Amended January 3, 2001
- California Correctional Health Care Services, Inmate Medical Services Policies and Procedures, Volume 4, Chapter 32, Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supply Policy and Volume 4, Chapter 32.1, Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Supply Procedure