

Article - Correctional Services

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§9–616.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (2) “Commission” means the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards.
- (3) “Menstrual hygiene products” includes tampons and sanitary napkins for use in connection with the menstrual cycle.
- (b) This section applies to local correctional facilities and correctional facilities in the Division of Correction.
- (c) (1) Each correctional facility shall have a written policy and procedure in place requiring menstrual hygiene products to be provided at no cost to a female incarcerated individual on:
 - (i) admission to the facility;
 - (ii) a routine basis; and
 - (iii) request.
- (2) The managing official of a correctional facility shall ensure that the facility has a sufficient supply of menstrual hygiene products available to meet the needs of the incarcerated individual population at all times.
- (d) The Commission shall establish standards regarding the proper disposal of menstrual hygiene products.
- (e) Each correctional facility shall maintain records on the provision and availability of menstrual hygiene products to incarcerated individuals.
- (f) The Commission shall review each correctional facility’s policy and records relating to menstrual hygiene products during regular inspections.

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