

**Title 137 WAC
CORRECTIONS,
DEPARTMENT OF**

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Chapter 137-12A WAC

ONE-TIME IMPACT FUNDS AVAILABLE TO QUALIFYING POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

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137-12A-020 Definitions.

WAC 137-12A-020 Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following items shall have the following meanings:

- (1) "Secretary" shall mean the secretary of the department of corrections.
- (2) "Department" shall mean the department of corrections.
- (3) "Inmate" shall mean an individual sentenced to the custody of the department under state law and an individual transferred from another state or the federal government.
- (4) "Institution" shall mean a facility described in RCW 72.01.050(2), such other similar facility hereafter established and a community residence operated pursuant to chapter 72.65 RCW.
- (5) "Political subdivision" shall mean any city, town, county or other unit of local government.
- (6) "Additional correctional facility" shall mean (a) a new building constructed at a new location for use in housing or servicing inmates; (b) a new building constructed on the grounds of an existing institution for use in housing or servicing inmates; and/or (c) a preexisting building heretofore not used by the department as a correctional facility which is reopened for use in housing or servicing inmates.
- (7) "One-time cost impact" shall mean an economic impact experienced by a political subdivision associated with locating an additional correctional facility within its boundaries or associated with such other event specifically designated by the legislature.
- (8) "Inmate family" shall mean the inmate's dependent children, the inmate's spouse or state registered domestic partner or parent and their dependents, or the legal guardian of the inmate's dependent children who were not residents of the local county where the inmate is incarcerated prior to the incarceration of the inmate.
- (9) All references to the singular shall include the plural unless noted otherwise.

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WAC 137-48-060 Mail costs. (1) Except as otherwise stated in this section, mail costs shall be the responsibility of the inmate.

(2) Mail which arrives at the institution with postage due may, at the option of the superintendent, be delivered to the inmate. The institution may pay the postage due in accordance with subsection (3) of this section, or hold the mail for a reasonable period of time so as to allow the inmate to arrange for payment of the postage due. If such arrangements are not made within the time provided, the package/mail may be donated to charity or discarded.

(3) Indigent inmates shall be authorized to receive postage up to the equivalent to the mailing cost of five standard first class letters per week. This indigent postage provision shall cover both legal and/or regular letters.

(4) The department shall recoup any expenditures made by the institution for postage due on incoming mail and/or indigent postage for letters, (as identified in subsection (3) of this section) may be recouped by the institution whenever such indigent inmate has ten dollars or more of disposable income in his/her trust fund account.

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Chapter 137-91 WAC

**ADULT CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS—
MEDICAL CARE—HEALTH CARE**

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137-91-010 Health care—General policy.

WAC 137-91-010 Health care—General policy. The policy of the department of corrections (the department) with regard to health care for offenders in adult correctional facilities is to provide that care, consistent with the **Offender Health Plan (OHP)**, which is medically necessary to respond to the offender's medical, dental, and mental health needs. Medically necessary is defined as that care that is determined by the department to:

- Be consistent with applicable department policies and procedures;
- Be ordered by an authorized department health care provider;
- Not be considered experimental or be lacking in medically recognized professional documentation of efficacy; and
- Not be administered solely for the convenience of the offender or the health care provider.

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