

ORDINANCE 95-2

WARREN COUNTY JAIL POLICY
INMATES MEDICAL CO-PAYMENT

June 5, 1995

Effective June 5, 1995 a co-payment program for inmates medical services will be initiated. This policy is in compliance with I. C. 11-12-5-5 and has been approved by the Warren County Board of Commissioners:

1. If an inmate is in need of emergency treatment notify the Sheriff or Jail commander immediately. Emergency medical treatment is available at all times. If emergency medical treatment is necessary, inmates will be transported by patrol officers, jail officials or ambulance to Community Hospital.

2. Routine medical services are available at the jail through the Inmate Medical Request forms. Inmate Medical Request forms may be obtained from the jail officers at anytime. Inmate Medical Treatment forms must be filled out completely with special emphasis given to the "reason for request and symptom" section. The Sheriff or Jail Commander will then contact the jail's medical service provider to set up an appointment at the earliest time with the medical service provider.

3. Only emergency dental care will be provided. Treatment will be limited to pain and infection control. Cleaning and other routine procedures are not available. Medical treatment request forms for dental work should be addressed on the Medical Request Forms.

4. Emergency eye care will be provided by Community Hospital eye provision section of the hospital. Eye examinations and glasses for persons not normally wearing glasses will be provided, but only at the suggestion of the eye doctor at Community Hospital. It is recommended that inmates send glasses out for repair with a visitor. Charges for repairs will be inmates expenses and will be deducted from commissary account if Warren County Jail has be make arrangement for this repair work. Indigent inmates will not be charged for repairs.

PAYMENT FOR INMATE MEDICAL SERVICES

The following medical services do not require co-payments:

1. Medical Emergencies (as determined by Sheriff)
2. Mental Health services
3. Dressing charges
4. Treatment initiated by jail staff
5. Treatment for DOC Inmates (5 days after sentencing)
6. Treatment for "indigent" Inmates

The following Medical Services will require a co-payment:

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| 1. Doctor Visit | \$10.00 co-payment |
| 2. Dentist Visit | 10.00 co-payment |
| 3. Optometrist Visit | 10.00 co-payment |
| 4. Prescription Handling Fee | 10.00 co-payment |

Co-payments will be deducted from an inmates commissary account. Inmates will never be refused medical treatment because of their inability to pay. If an inmate has a "0" balance in their account a negative balance will be placed on their account for thirty (30) days from the date the service was provided. (if the inmate does not have enough money their account to pay the co-payment and the inmate receives money within 30 days the co-payment will then be deducted from their account).

Prescription refills will not require a co-payment for 30 days or until the number of refills provided on the original prescription have been filled. Follow-up visits for the same illness or injury will not require a co-payment for thirty days if initiated by the Jail Staff or outside medical providers.

Referral to a specialist by a doctor from Community Hospital will not count as two visits and the visit to the specialist will not require a co-payment.

Medical co-payments will be subtracted from the inmates account before commissary is received or the inmate is released from this facility.

Co-payments will be deposited in the County General funds.

Inmates with private insurance are required to provide the jail staff with the necessary information for processing claims with their insurance company.

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Adopted by the Warren County Commissioners
June 5, 1995:

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