

**ORDINANCE** 2003-4**WARREN COUNTY JAIL POLICY**

## INMATE MEDICAL CO-PAYMENT

August 1, 2003

Effective August 1, 2003, the co-payment program for inmate's medical services will be changed. 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 the Jail Nurse immediately. Emergency medical treatment is available at all times. If emergency medical treatment is necessary, inmates will be transported by patrol officers, jail officers or ambulance to the St. Vincent Hospital in Williamsport.
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 any time. Inmate Medical forms must be filed out completely with special emphasis given to the "reason for request and symptom" section. The Staff 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 the Williamsport Hospital. Eye examinations and glasses for persons not normally wearing glasses will be provided, by only at the suggestion of the eye doctor at the Hospital. It is recommended that inmates send glasses out for repair with a visitor. Charges for repairs will be the inmate's expenses and will be deducted from their commissary account if the Warren County Jail has to make arrangements 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. Emergency Mental Health services
3. Treatment initiated by Jail Staff
4. Treatment for DOC inmates (if they are awaiting sentencing by Warren County but are DOC through another county the inmate will be charged)
5. Service provided at the request of the Sheriff.

The following Medical Services will require a co-payment:

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| 1. Doctor Visit                   | \$15.00 |
| 2. Dentist Visit                  | \$15.00 |
| 3. Optometrist Visit              | \$15.00 |
| 4. Hospital Visit (non-emergency) | \$15.00 |
| 5. Prescription                   | \$15.00 |

Example: If an inmate goes to the Doctor and gets a prescription, the inmate will be charged \$30.00, a Doctor's visit with two prescriptions will be \$45.00 etc.


Co-payments will be deducted from the 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 60 days from the date of the service was provided. (if the inmate does not have enough money in their account to pay the co-payment and the inmate receives money within 60 days the co-payment will then be deducted from their account.)

Prescription refills will not require a co-payment until the prescription is actually refilled. Each refill will be the same co-payment as the original prescription.

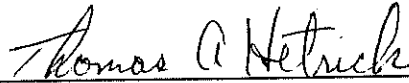
Medical co-payments will be subtracted from the inmates account before commissary is received, or before the inmate is released from this facility.

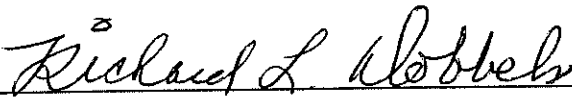
Co-payments will be deposited in the County General Fund.

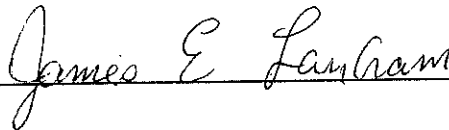
Inmates with private insurance are required to provide the jail staff with the necessary information for processing claims with their insurance company.

  
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William H. Miller, Sheriff  
Warren County Sheriff's Dept.

Adopted by the Warren County Commissioners on the 21 day of  
July, 2003.

  
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