



# CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES



## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** February 15, 2022

<b>To:</b>	Chief Executive Officers	Regional Health Care Executives
	Chief Support Executives	Regional & HQ Deputy Medical Executives
	Chief Medical Executives	Assistant Deputy Medical Executives
	Chief Nurse Executives	Regional & HQ Chief Nurse Executives
	Chief Physician & Surgeons	Regional Psychiatrists
	Directors of Nursing	Regional Dental Directors
	Chiefs & Senior Psychiatrists	Regional Pharmacy Service Managers
	Supervising Dentists	
	Pharmacists in Charge	
	Health Program Managers III	

**From:** Donna Kalauokalani, MD, Deputy Medical Executive  
Chair, Systemwide Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee

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*Donna Kalauokalani*

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**Subject:** 60-DAY SUPPLY OF RELEASE MEDICATIONS

On February 8, 2022, the Systemwide Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee approved the attached recommendations on providing medications to patients releasing directly from a CDCR institution or community correctional facility to a re-entry program or to the community through parole, probation, or discharge.

In an effort to promote continuity of care for patients released from CDCR while they establish care in the community, **providers shall prescribe a 60-day supply of authorized medications, effective March 1, 2022.** Authorized medications, as defined in HCDOM 3.5.28, are those necessary to protect life, prevent significant illness or disability, alleviate severe pain, or mitigate side effects of other essential medications.

Because of patient safety concerns, state or federal requirements, and/or logistical reasons, a 60-day supply may not be appropriate or allowed. The Committee provides the attached guidance for prescribing and dispensing release medications that include exceptions to the 60-day supply rule.

Please ensure implementation of this directive. Thank you.

**cc:** Dr. Diana Toche, Undersecretary, Health Care Services  
Dr. Joseph Bick, Director, Health Care Services  
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Dr. Amar Mehta, Deputy Director, Mental Health Services  
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Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee