Internal Memo

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To: DOC Staff

cc: DOC Executive Team; Warden Bolin; Policy Chair AW Moe

From: Commissioner Paul Schnell

Interim Guidance: Policy 302.010.01, Canteen

Effective April 20, 2026, the DOC is changing provisions in the policy listed below, which will be incorporated into the policy document in a future policy revision.

Explanation of the Change:

Policy 302.010, "Canteen" provides the guidelines for the operation of canteens at the Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC). Last July, the department increased the canteen spending limit on canteen purchases to $170.00 per week for incarcerated people at adult facilities. The scrip limit has not been increased in many years. The department worked with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, State Services for the Blind, to identify an appropriate increase.

What Policy Is Being Affected:

Policy 302.010, "Canteen" is changed as follows:

1. Increasing the maximum possession of scrip and coin combined from $40.00 to $50.00.

302.010 Canteen:

Tracked Changes:

PROCEDURES:

B. Sales

3. Maximum possession of scrip and coin combined is $~~40.00~~50.00.

Clean Copy of Revisions:

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Resources/What to Expect:

Future policy revisions will include these changes and may contain other adjustments identified as the DOC continues this work.

Should you have any questions related to Policy 302.010, please contact policy chair AW Dan Moe. Thank you for your work to ensure consistency in practice while revisions to this policy are being made.