DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Internal Memo

Interim Guidance Memo Number: 302.010.02

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To: DOC Staff

cc: DOC Executive Team; Warden Bolin; Policy Chair Associate Warden Dan Moe

From: Commissioner Paul Schnell

Interim Guidance: Policy 302.010.02, Canteen

Effective November 1, 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). Shoe purchases are added to the list of exempted items not included as part of the weekly limit.

This interim guidance memo supplements Policy 302.010.01, "Canteen" effective April 20, 2026, which remains in place. It increased the maximum possession of scrip and coin to $50.00.

What Policy Is Being Affected:

Policy 302.010, "Canteen" is changed to exclude shoe purchases from the $170.00 canteen spending limit at adult facilities and $50.00 canteen spending limit at juvenile facilities.

302.010 Canteen:

Tracked Changes:

PROCEDURES:

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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. Canteen is adjusting the automated ordering system so that shoe purchases are not subject to the spending limit.

Should you have any questions related to Policy 302.010, Interim Guidance 302.010.01, or Interim Guidance 302.010.02, 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.