DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Policy:	**500.060**
Title:	**Medical Alert Tags**
Effective Date:	**1/2/18**

PURPOSE: To provide a system for identifying offenders with medical conditions that may require special needs.

APPLICABILITY: Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC); adult facilities

DEFINITIONS:
Special medical needs – medical conditions that may require special needs including seizure disorders, insulin dependent diabetes, allergies that may require emergency medical intervention, diagnosed cardiac conditions requiring medication, diagnosed respiratory conditions requiring medication, and internally-placed metal prosthetics.

PROCEDURES:
A. Offenders identified with special medical needs may request a medical alert tag.

B. Staff must assist offenders who request medical alert tags. Staff must:
1. Inform offenders of the medical alert tag process in the receiving and orientation (R&O) program.
2. Meet with the offender and verify the diagnosis;
3. Complete the Medical Alert Tag Authorization form (attached);
4. File the Medical Alert Tag Authorization form in the medical chart under the legal section;
5. Place the appropriate medical alert tag on the back of the offender's ID card and/or cell door as requested; and
6. Enter the information into the correctional operations management system (COMS).

INTERNAL CONTROL:
A. Medical Alert Tag Authorization forms are retained in the offender's medical file.

ACA STANDARDS: 4-4350

REFERENCES: Policy 302.255, "Offender/Resident Identification Cards"

REPLACES: Division Directive "Medical Alert Tags," 7/1/14.
All facility policies, memos, or other communications whether verbal, written, or transmitted by electronic means regarding this topic.

ATTACHMENTS: Medical Alert Tag Authorization (500.060A)

APPROVALS:
Deputy Commissioner, Community Services

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