

Notice to Offenders

\$100.00 Health Care Fee

Beginning September 28, 2011*, a new state law goes into effect that amends Section 501.063, Texas Government Code, and changes the fee amount the Department of Criminal Justice is required to collect from each offender who requests a visit to a health care provider.

You will be charged a \$100.00 fee for the first health care visit that you request. You make such a request by completing and submitting a Sick Call Request form or by requesting a staff member provide assistance in accessing routine health care services that is not an emergency or life threatening as a walk-in patient.

This fee covers all health care visits that you request for one year. Any visit that you request after the one year period will be charged another \$100.00 fee. If you do not request a health care visit, you will not be charged a fee for health care.

The fee will be charged to your trust fund account. If there is not enough money in your trust fund account, the law requires that 50% of each deposit to your trust fund account be applied to the amount owed until the total amount is paid.

You will not be charged for a health care visit that is for:

- an emergency or life-threatening situation;
- follow-up services recommended by the health care staff;
- chronic care (including communicable diseases such as HIV, AIDS and TB);
- prenatal care;
- health screening and evaluations related to the diagnostic and reception process; or,
- health care services necessary to comply with State law and regulations.

You will not be denied health care if you do not have money in your trust fund account to pay the fee.

* Note: Correction of effective date from September 1st to September 28th.