


# MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 17, 2011

**TO:** Wardens  
Correctional Facilities Administration

**FROM:**   
Dennis M. Straub, Deputy Director  
Correctional Facilities Administration

**SUBJECT:** Visits and Prisoner Medication

Concern continues to be raised about prisoners who are on a visit at a time when medication is being distributed. Several facilities indicate when a prisoner is scheduled to receive medication and has to leave the visiting room to obtain the medication the visit is terminated. If the prisoner chooses to return to the visiting room, a second visit is charged.

Please be advised that this practice must cease. A prisoner who must leave the visiting room to receive prescribed medication shall be permitted to resume the visit without using another of his/her monthly allotted visits.

Your assistance in sharing this information with your staff is appreciated.

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Regional Health Care Administrator