

Directive

#354, Food Service Operations

COMMENT SHEET

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Mike Touchette				
1	2	5-6	Change to: It is the Policy of the DOC to prepare and serve meals that meet or exceed standardized nutritional and quality control standards.	We will make this change.
2	2	9-11	Recommend deleting. Incaps can and should be fed, but there is no need to say that.	We will change to "There are times when individuals in the temporary custody of the DOC who are incapacitated as a result of their use of alcohol and/or other drugs may not safely consume food. In such circumstances, meals shall not be provided until the inmate is no longer at risk."
3	2	13-14	Change to – Correctional Facilities prepare meals for incarcerated individuals, inclusive of inmates who leave the facility to participate in on work crews in the community. Meals prepared for work crew participants do not need to be the same meals as provided to inmates who have their meals served within the facility.	Thank you, but we will keep the original language because it is more succinct
4	2	24-25	Remove “The Dining room...of the correctional facility” sentence. Not needed and is subjective, which could lead to issues and grievances.	We will make this change.
5	2	29-30	Change to – Each facility will use an established cost per meal formula when planning menus and managing the food services financial allocation.	The Financial Impact portion of the directive will not be in the final version. It is only included during the drafting process for internal notification.
6	2	33	We should cite the statute that will require institutions to procure 10% of produce from local farms.	The Financial Impact portion of the directive will not be in the final version. It is only included during the drafting process for internal notification.

7	2	34-35	Is this really new?	This standardizes the practice. The Financial Impact portion of the directive will not be in the final version. It is only included during the drafting process for internal notification.
8	2	36-38	We should not put into our policy a requirement that Department must follow, but in the same paragraph, say we can't meet those requirements. We need to get any deficiencies corrected. While those corrections may have a financial burden to them, I don't think the cost of getting up to snuff on standards would be appropriate in the Financial Impact section.	The Financial Impact portion of the directive will not be in the final version. It is only included during the drafting process for internal notification.
Joshua Rutherford				
9	2	5	5 "to serve all inmates and make available to staff the same..."	Thank you, but we will keep the original language as it has the same meaning.
10	2	24-25	Concerned about language "operated with as little regimentation as possible." Dining rooms are 'hot spots' in institutions where incidents can happen quickly and escalate dramatically. My experience in three institutions is that there are few places we operate with more regimentation than chow halls – precisely to prevent these sorts of issues. Without disregarding the importance of having meals in an appropriate environment, we need a clear focus on safe operations first and foremost here.	We will delete this sentence.
11	2	9-11	– Is the intent to give us the option to not feed an Incap if it's not safe or is it a direction to not feed them? I would agree with having the option, but would disagree with making it a requirement that we not feed them. Especially in the latter half of alcohol incapacitation, food is helpful. We'll end up with behavioral issues. Additionally, I'm not sure we can defend not feeding someone for up to 24 hours.	We will change to "There are times when individuals in the temporary custody of the DOC who are incapacitated as a result of their use of alcohol and/or other drugs may not safely consume food. In such circumstances, meals shall not be provided until the inmate is no longer at risk."