

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION
CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES
Health Care Department Operations Manual

5.6.5 Pharmaceutical Acquisitions

(a) Policy

California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS) participates in the Statewide Pharmaceutical Program, also referred to as the Prescription Drug Bulk Purchasing Program, established by Government Code sections 14977-14982, and administered by the Department of General Services (DGS).

(b) Applicability

This policy applies to all CCHCS staff involved with acquisitions of pharmaceutical products.

(c) Procedure

Pharmaceutical acquisitions are made utilizing pre-existing sources and other acquisition processes according to the following guidelines:

- (1) Prescription bulk pharmaceuticals are purchased using the mandatory Primary Pharmaceutical Wholesaler statewide contract.
- (2) Specialty and infusion pharmaceutical products and/or services may be purchased using other DGS Specialty and Infusion Pharmacy statewide contracts, when available.
- (3) Pharmaceutical products **not** included in a statewide contract or not specified as mandatory in a statewide contract may be obtained by following standard acquisition procedures. (Refer to the [CCHCS Acquisitions Customer Guide](#)).
- (4) For pharmaceutical acquisition requests that meet blanket purchase order requirements as specified in the [CCHCS Acquisitions Customer Guide, Section 3.4](#), the procedures contained within the guide shall be followed. Otherwise, pharmaceutical acquisitions shall follow standard procedures as found in the Acquisitions Customer Guide.

References

- Government Code, Title 2, Division 3, Part 5.5, Chapter 12, Purchase of Prescriptions Drugs for Government Agencies, Sections 14977-14982
- Public Contract Code, Division 2, Part 2, Chapter 2, State Acquisitions of Goods and Services, Section 10290
- Department of General Services, State Contracting Manual, Volume 2

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