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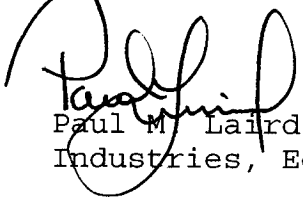
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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL WARDENS

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SUBJECT: Purchases of Inmate Eyeglasses

This memorandum serves as a reminder that when purchasing eyeglasses for inmates, institutions are expected to utilize UNICOR. As made clear in PS 6031.01, Patient Care, UNICOR is the mandatory source for all Bureau provided inmate eyeglasses. This policy was reinforced during the recent REDMAP exercises for Health Services.

UNICOR offers inmate eyeglasses in a variety of styles. However, unlike private vendors, frames for inmate eyeglasses from UNICOR do not contain any wire. Wire from eyeglass frames made by private vendors may be removed from the frames, creating potential security concerns.

UNICOR will meet each institution's delivery needs for inmate eyeglasses. Normally, delivery time for inmate eyeglasses is approximately two weeks. However, institutions needing inmate eyeglasses expedited for an inmate legal matter or hearing may contact Beverly Briggs or Ursula Phillips of the UNICOR Optics factory at FCC Butner at (919) 575-2050 to arrange for immediate delivery.

If you have questions, please contact Melody Silverberg, National Health Systems Administrator at (202) 616-9942 or Paige Tuttle, UNICOR Optics Factory Manager, at (919)575-2050.

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