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SUBJECT: Reduced Commissary Spending Limits Update

Due to the ongoing response to COVID-19 and impacts to available staffing resources, temporary commissary spending limits were imposed and went into effect on December 10, 2020. Beginning on January 11, 2021, commissary spending limits will revert back to prior levels.

Commissary operations at both Airway Heights Corrections Center (AHCC) and Monroe Correctional Complex are experiencing worker shortages. The temporary reduction of spending limits has allowed commissary operations to keep up with the demand and fulfill orders statewide.

With the COVID-19 outbreak that occurred at AHCC, the commissary program experienced challenges in their purchasing department which has led to a higher than average number of out-of-stock items. We are working diligently to limit the impact and hope to have the inventory levels adjusted in the upcoming weeks.

Thank you for your patience during this extremely challenging time for all.