

Information About Health Status Reports

What is a health status report?

A Health Status Report, or an HSR, is a document that notes any medical, visual, mental health and/or dental necessities required for your everyday needs. Your medical provider may issue this to make sure you have access to extra items or supplies that are medically necessary to assist you with your daily living needs during your time in DOC facilities. HSRs are documented in OMNI for custody staff use, and the patient should receive a paper copy for their records.

How do I get an HSR?

If you have a medical issue that you believe may need an HSR, send a kite to a medical provider to schedule an appointment. If the medical provider determines that an HSR is medically necessary, it will be issued to you at that time. You must see a DOC provider on facility grounds to get an HSR.

If your initial HSR is denied, you can appeal it to the Care Review Committee. Review the DOC Health Plan or the Care Review Committee and Appeal Process Fact Sheet for more information.

How long are HSRs good for?

All HSRs have an expiration date. An HSR is good for up to 12 months and will need to be re-issued or updated by the on-site medical provider at the facility where you are housed.

How do I get an HSR renewed?

You must see a DOC medical provider for an assessment to get an existing HSR renewed or a new HSR established using the process above.

DOC Policy 610.040 (Health Screenings and Assessments) requires that HSRs must be reviewed within 30 days every time you transfer to a new facility. When you transfer to a new facility, your HSR may or may not be renewed depending on the result of a provider evaluation at that facility for your specific needs. You will not be charged a co-pay if your provider needs to see you to determine the need for an HSR renewal when you transfer facilities. Current HSRs established by other facilities will be honored until it is reviewed at your new facility.

What are the limitations of an HSR?

The DOC Health Plan, HSR guidelines and DOC policy set the limitations of an HSR. HSRs will be approved based on your needs while keeping in mind the safety and security of other incarcerated individuals, staff and the facility.

For more information about DOC Health Services:

Send a kite to the health services unit at your facility with any questions or to request a copy of the DOC Health Plan or the Health Services Orientation Handbook.