

# Improving Public Safety by Positively Changing Lives Incarcerated Services

Briefing Update  
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## Major Accomplishments

- Commissary continued to serve and meet the needs of the statewide population while mitigating significant supply chain disruptions.

## Strategic Priorities for Upcoming Year

- Stabilization of the incarcerated workforce.
- Recovery from COVID-19 impacts and ability to focus on both hard-skill and soft-skill development of the incarcerated workforce.

## Commissary

- The overall goal of the commissary is to offer the best quality product at the lowest possible price to the incarcerated population.
- In 2021, we implemented several pricing reductions. All indigent items are sold at cost. This helps reduce the debt incurred by the incarcerated, their friends and family, as well as DOC's general fund.
- All over-the-counter and hygiene items are sold at cost (no margin). This reduces the overall cost to the incarcerated population.
- Ongoing partnership with the Department of Health monitoring the "Healthy Eating" trends in the commissary program. CI follows a set percentage of offering goals for "best" and "better" items.
- In July 2023, reduced prices on all "better" and "best" nutritional choice options to try to ensure products that support "Healthy Eating" are being offered at the best possible price.
- SB 5131 was implemented in July 2023 and allows the incarcerated to receive deposits up to \$500/month. The deposits are exempt from deductions and funds can only be used for purchases from the commissary program.
- CI's Commissary offers approximately 415 unique items and processed 6.9M individual items and 416K individual orders during Fiscal Year 2023.
- Through a Bulk Sales program, the Commissary can support local county jails and/or juvenile facilities.

## Package Programs

- Food and property package programs offer approximately 550 unique items consisting of approximately 130 food items and 425 property/faith items.
- The Food Package Program is a bi-monthly program allowing the incarcerated population additional access to purchase food.
- The Property Package Program provides incarcerated with the ability to purchase property and faith items, which are not sold through commissary.
- The Incarcerated Services team works in collaboration with the DOC Security team before adding any new items to the program.

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