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CHAPTER 27: REL	EASE PREPARATION	
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I. AUTHORITY

The Commissioner of Corrections adopts this policy pursuant to the authority contained in 34-A M.R.S.A. Section 1403 and 3047.

II. APPLICABILITY

All Departmental Adult Facilities

III. POLICY

It is the policy of the Department of Corrections to provide money to eligible prisoners upon release from the facility.

The Department's Service Center Director shall review this policy annually with staff he/she deems appropriate and update it as necessary.

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Procedure A:	Prisoners Eligible for Money
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V. ATTACHMENTS

None

VI. PROCEDURES

Procedure A: Prisoners Eligible for Money

- 1. The following prisoners may be provided up to \$50.00 upon release from the facility:
 - a. All those paroled, except as set out in Procedure B.
 - b. All prisoners released from institutional confinement, except as set out in Procedure B.

Procedure B: Prisoners Ineligible for Money

- 1. The following prisoners are not eligible for money upon release from the facility:
 - a. Any paroled prisoner who has been returned to the custody of a correctional facility before the completion of his or her parole period and who has previously received such sum of money.
 - b. Any prisoner released by a court order which vacates the sentence.
 - c. Any prisoner released by a court order which amends the sentence to one which is totally suspended.
 - d. Any prisoner released upon the posting of bail.
 - e. Any prisoner detained as a safekeeper who is released without conviction.
 - f. Any prisoner released from a pre-release center or the Supervised Community Confinement Program or returned to the facility from a prerelease center or the Supervised Community Confinement Program for failure to comply with the program within the last six (6) months.
 - g. Any prisoner being picked up on a detainer from another jurisdiction or who was transferred from another jurisdiction.
 - h. Any prisoner released to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).
 - i. Any prisoner who has participated in a Correctional Industries Prison Industry Enhancement (PIE) program within the last six (6) months.
 - j. Any prisoner who in the six (6) months prior to release has withdrawn more than \$500 total from the Department's general (trust) account, unless the funds have been withdrawn for the support of the prisoner's dependents in accordance with a court order or DHHS child support order

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or as otherwise determined appropriate by the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee.

k. Any prisoner who at the time of release has more than \$500 in total personal assets consisting of funds in the Department's general (trust) account (including the personal savings escrow account), the Department's telephone account, and/or funds in an outside bank account, stocks or bonds.

Procedure C: Transportation upon Release

- 1. For prisoners who do not have alternative transportation upon release from the facility, bus transportation shall be offered except for:
 - a. Any prisoner who is released upon the posting of bail.
 - b. Any prisoner detained as a safekeeper who is released without conviction.
 - c. Any prisoner released from the Supervised Community Confinement Program.
 - d. Any prisoner being picked up on a detainer from another jurisdiction or who was transferred from another jurisdiction.
 - e. Any prisoner released to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).
- 2. Transportation by bus shall be to:
 - a. The destination closest to the prisoner's residence, if the residence is within the State or the destination closest to the prisoner's place of employment, if the place of employment is within the State.
 - b. The destination on the Maine border closest to the prisoner's residence or place of employment, if they are outside the State.
- 3. If the prisoner requests a reasonable place nearer to the facility, transportation by bus shall be to that place.
- 4. At the discretion of the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, a Departmental transport vehicle may be used instead of bus transportation.

VII. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

None

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