

**NOTIFICATION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALTERNATIVE  
MEDICAL CARE COSTS**

California State Penal Code, Section 4023, provides that a prisoner may decline medical treatment by a County or City Jail physician or their health care contractual provider and provide medical treatment at their own expense.

1. You are liable for the total costs of alternative medical treatment.
  - a. The county, Sheriff's Office, and their health care provider will not be responsible for any medical treatment and/or related procedural costs. Nor will we assist, counsel or advise you in making those financial arrangements.
  
2. If you select a private facility, you must obtain a court order that must include your name, PFN, court case number, date of appointment, time, location, address, city, telephone number and attending physician's name. The court must forward a copy of this order to the jail you are being housed.
  - a. Examination rooms and equipment will be made available to your provider at a county facility.
  
3. You are liable for the costs incurred by the county for security and transportation related to your alternative medical care costs.
  - a. The facility Medical Liaison Sergeant will need to advise you of the estimated costs for security and transportation prior to your appointment date. You will be required to deposit, at your custodial facility, a cashier's check or money order made out to the Treasurer of Alameda County for the costs you will incur.
  
4. It is recommended that the private health care provider you select make arrangements to examine/treat you at a county facility of the custodial facility you are assigned to. This will assist in keeping your medical costs to a minimum.
  
5. Medical treatment/examinations must be within the boundaries of Alameda County.
  
6. The Sheriff's Office reserves the right to terminate any exterior appointment for cause.

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STAFF SIGNATURE

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DATE

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Copies: Original to Medical File  
Copy to Inmate  
Copy to Private Physician  
Copy to Jail Jacket(s)