

# Free to Bleed:

## Policies on Menstrual Products in US Women's Prisons

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## Executive Summary

Menstruation is a normal biological process, but the ability to manage it safely and privately depends upon access to products, water, sanitation, healthcare, privacy, and the ability to make decisions about one's own body. For people living in confinement, many of these resources are controlled by institutions. Consequently, the experience of menstruation behind bars is shaped not only by biology, but also by policies, budgets, institutional practices, staff discretion, economic resources, and the distribution of power within correctional environments.

Poor menstrual health outcomes are caused by more than a mere lack of access to menstrual products, but by an entire system that fails to acknowledge or support menstruation. For instance, a period in confinement can be a cause for discipline (Vishniac & Widra, 2025), leading to consequences like a loss of visitation or delayed release date. It can lead to fines and lowered wages, which then make it even harder to purchase menstrual products. It can lead to abuse and impact chances of success after release. Thus, addressing menstrual injustice and pushing for a world where periods aren't weaponized against people requires more than new laws increasing access to products.

Periods are also not just an issue for women. This report refers to incarcerated people who menstruate as "menstruators" to acknowledge the fact that not all women menstruate, and not all people who menstruate are women. Menstruators include cisgender women, transgender men, nonbinary people, genderqueer, and intersex individuals. Throughout this report, we also use the terms "incarcerated people," "people who are incarcerated," and "residents" of correctional facilities rather than the commonly used, but outdated term, "inmate." This language recognizes that in a review of policies, incarceration describes a person's societal and legal status. Language shapes how people are perceived and understood, and terminology can either reinforce or challenge stigmatizing assumptions about incarcerated people. Our language reflects a broader commitment to recognizing incarcerated people as those whose health, dignity, bodily autonomy, and fundamental needs do not disappear when they

enter a correctional facility. The terms ‘inmate’ or ‘offender’ are only used when quoting official materials or referring to their title.

The best experts on what incarcerated people who menstruate need are the people who have had a period in prison. Trying to create a solution that does not take their voices into account can only lead to failure because it will miss important details that won’t be found through a review of laws alone. Including people who have had a period in prison in the conversation is doubly important considering the many other current issues that relate to periods in confinement (such as political determinants of health, LGBTQ+ rights, women’s rights and bodily autonomy, immigration exclusion and enforcement, welfare systems and social services outside of prison, and labor rights).

In this report, we examine the policies surrounding menstrual health in US women’s prisons. A review of policies can inform efforts to address menstrual injustice. This report shows that policies are split among different types, rarely being included in the handbooks that newly incarcerated people rely on to understand how they will get basic necessities. The policies that do exist on menstrual product provision often leave out significant details that have outsized impact on access and experience. These details have been informed by people who have had a period in prison through previous research, the Prison Flow Project’s work, and informal conversations.

# The Problem: Menstrual Injustice Behind Bars

## The US Carceral System

The United States maintains one of the largest and most expansive systems of incarceration in the world. The Prison Policy Initiative estimates that nearly two million people are confined on any given day across prisons, jails, immigration detention facilities, youth facilities, and other forms of confinement (Sawyer et al., 2026). Each facility operates under different laws, policies, budgets, contracts, and administrative practices, making access to reproductive healthcare and basic hygiene non-uniform across correctional settings.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists notes that no mandatory national standards or comprehensive oversight system guarantees consistent reproductive healthcare across prisons, jails, and detention centers. As a result, the quality and availability of care can vary substantially from one facility to another (American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, 2021). The National Commission on Correctional Health Care similarly identifies inconsistent and often inadequate access to menstrual products and gynecologic care as significant correctional-health concerns (National Commission on Correctional Health Care, 2025).

The absence of clear standards can create conditions in which ordinary menstrual management becomes a disciplinary issue. A national review of prison rules and sanctions found that policies concerning property, hygiene, sanitation, movement, contraband, and alleged feigning of illness can be applied in ways that punish people for the consequences of inadequate menstrual access (Vishniac & Widra, 2025). When a person is denied enough products and subsequently bleeds on clothing, bedding, or facility property, the resulting condition may be treated as misconduct. In this way, institutional rules can transform the consequences of deprivation into grounds for further punishment.

There is no national standard governing safe disposal, privacy, or access across all correctional settings. Menstrual management requires clean water, sanitation, adequate changing facilities, privacy, safe disposal, and the ability to obtain additional products as needed.

## The Menstruators We Incarcerate

Understanding menstrual inequity also requires understanding who is disproportionately exposed to the conditions of incarceration. Incarceration is deeply connected to poverty, racial inequality, housing instability, limited access to healthcare, disability, trauma, and other structural conditions. The Prison Policy Initiative reports that people in prison are disproportionately poor and that the poorest incarcerated people are disproportionately women and people of color (Sawyer et al., 2026).

Gender is central to this analysis. Women have experienced dramatic growth in incarceration over the past several decades, and women have been identified as the fastest-growing correctional population during major periods of expansion. The Vera Institute of Justice documented a fourteen-fold increase in the number of women held in jails between 1970 and 2014, a growth that far outpaced the increase among men (Swavola et al., 2016).

Not everyone who menstruates identifies as a woman. Transgender men, nonbinary people, and some intersex people may menstruate while navigating correctional systems organized largely around binary assumptions about sex and gender. A menstrual-equity framework must therefore avoid treating menstruation as synonymous with womanhood.

Race and socioeconomic status further shape exposure to incarceration. Black people are disproportionately represented in prisons and jails, while American Indian and Alaska Native people also experience incarceration at rates substantially higher than the general population (Sawyer et al., 2026). These disparities matter because the people most affected by incarceration may also be those who entered custody with the fewest financial and healthcare resources.

Many incarcerated women also report histories of trauma, violence, mental-health conditions, and unmet healthcare needs. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists emphasizes that the legacies of racism and racialized medical outcomes shape reproductive-health inequities among incarcerated populations and that incarcerated people should receive reproductive healthcare consistent with community standards (American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, 2021). These vulnerabilities can compound one another: a person who enters custody with limited financial resources and untreated reproductive-health concerns may become even more dependent on an institution that does not adequately address either need.

The design of correctional institutions further compounds these disparities. As Wood et al. observe, American correctional institutions were historically designed around male populations, leaving contemporary systems to respond to the needs of women and other menstruators within structures that were not originally built for them.

Menstruation exposes this structural mismatch particularly clearly because it requires regular, predictable access to supplies and sanitation while occurring on a biological timetable that cannot be controlled by institutional schedules (Wood et al., 2025).

## Menstrual Health Issues

When products are unavailable or insufficient, menstruators may be forced to improvise, ration, barter, or continue using products longer than recommended. These strategies are not evidence of individual irresponsibility; they are responses to institutional scarcity. They also expose a deeper contradiction within correctional systems: institutions can restrict a person's ability to obtain the resources necessary to manage menstruation and then discipline that person for the visible consequences of not having those resources.

Menstruators from across the country have come forward to describe their experiences with managing a menstrual cycle behind bars. They describe having to use alternatives to safe products, such as paper, dirty clothes and rags, mattress padding, sheets, or makeshift tampons to prevent accidents. Stories of menstruators having to fight, steal, or create unsafe, home-made products outline the importance of assuring that access

to menstrual products is understood as a biological necessity rather than a privilege in correctional facilities. The humiliation of soiling their clothing, undergarments, and bedding when denied the appropriate products is well documented, as is the use of withholding menstrual products as a lever of power for correctional employees (Moss et al., 2025). Possession of period products is a basic component of menstrual health, but access within correctional facilities remains inconsistent.

## Issues with Current Policies

The federal system demonstrates that formal policy alone does not guarantee meaningful access. In 2026, the U.S. Government Accountability Office examined menstrual-product access in Bureau of Prisons institutions and Immigration and Customs Enforcement facilities. GAO found that federal facilities generally made some menstrual products available, but some Bureau of Prisons institutions did not fully adhere to policy requirements. For example, not all institutions provided all required product types in common areas or replenished products within the required timeframe. GAO concluded that stronger, routine oversight was necessary to ensure that products were consistently and equitably available (U.S. Government Accountability Office, 2026).

Experiences reported by incarcerated menstruators demonstrate the human consequences of these institutional gaps. In a national survey of women involved in the criminal legal system, just over half of respondents reported that they did not receive enough menstrual products when they needed them while incarcerated. Nearly 30 percent reported bartering food, items, or personal favors to obtain menstrual products, and approximately one-quarter reported negative health outcomes associated with prolonged use of menstrual products (Darivemula et al., 2023). These findings illustrate why menstrual inequity cannot be reduced to a question of whether a facility technically distributes products.

A national review of state statutes and correctional policies found that 46 jurisdictions had some form of policy addressing menstrual-product provision, but many policies were vague about the type, quantity, quality, cost, and process for obtaining products

(Wood et al., 2025). The existence of a policy, therefore, does not necessarily translate into access.

Standard, implementable policy that translates into increased access must address whether: products are available in adequate quantities, menstruators can access them as needed, a sufficient variety of products is offered, products are free of charge, and access is protected from punishment, coercion, discrimination, or retaliation. The Collaborative on Justice-Involved Women and Children (JIWCC) found that 35 states and the Federal Bureau of Prisons had enacted legislation addressing menstrual-product access by 2025, yet many of those laws still fell short of consistently guaranteeing appropriate quantities and varieties of quality products (Thomas et al., 2025).

## Economic Deprivation and the Cost of Menstruation Behind Bars

Economic deprivation intensifies menstrual inequity. People incarcerated in the United States generally have extremely limited earning power, while many basic necessities must be obtained through institutional commissaries. Prison Policy Initiative research has documented extraordinarily low prison wages and substantial economic inequality among incarcerated people, with incarcerated women and people of color among those experiencing the greatest poverty (Sawyer et al., 2026).

The economics of menstrual products are particularly important because a product's price cannot be evaluated independently of the wages available to the purchaser. A 2026 study of prison commissaries found substantial variation in menstrual-product prices and availability and demonstrated that the number of work hours required to purchase products can contribute directly to period poverty inside prisons (Anjum & Moss, 2026). When free institutional supplies are inadequate, the ability to manage menstruation can therefore become dependent upon a person's access to prison wages, commissary funds, or financial support from family and friends.

This economic dependency is compounded by the broader costs of incarceration. Families may bear communication, travel, commissary, and other expenses associated

with maintaining relationships with incarcerated loved ones. These burdens can weaken the very financial and social networks that might otherwise help a resident obtain basic necessities. Menstrual products should not become another expense that residents and their families must absorb simply because an institution has failed to provide an adequate supply.

Fundamentally, a free person can generally seek another source of assistance when supplies run out. In confinement, those alternatives are severely restricted. The institution is therefore the gatekeeper of access.

## Menstrual Health Is Healthcare

Menstrual management must also be understood as a healthcare issue. Menstruation can be accompanied by pain, heavy bleeding, irregular cycles, and other symptoms that may signal underlying conditions requiring medical assessment. The National Commission on Correctional Health Care reports that incarcerated people experience higher rates of certain gynecologic conditions and that access to menstrual products is often inconsistent or inadequate (National Commission on Correctional Health Care, 2025).

Correctional healthcare is also fragmented and non-uniform. A qualitative study of formerly incarcerated women found that experiences of healthcare while incarcerated were shaped by fragmented systems and barriers to accessing appropriate care, particularly in the area of reproductive health (O'Connor et al., 2023). These barriers are consequential for menstruators who enter custody with existing reproductive or menstrual health conditions or who develop symptoms while incarcerated.

Professional medical guidance recognizes that reproductive healthcare should not become lower-quality healthcare simply because a person is incarcerated. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recommends respectful, consistent, high-quality reproductive healthcare for incarcerated people and specifically calls for menstrual products to be available at no cost and in adequate supply (American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, 2021). Menstrual equity

is therefore consistent with established standards of reproductive healthcare rather than an additional or optional service.

The relationship between menstrual products and healthcare is especially important for people experiencing heavy or prolonged bleeding, fibroids, endometriosis, chronic pelvic pain, or other conditions that may require more products or specialized care. A uniform product allotment may appear equal on paper while producing unequal outcomes in practice because people do not experience menstruation in identical ways. Menstrual equity must therefore account for differences in individual health needs.

## Conclusion

Menstrual inequity is embedded within the broader structure of incarceration. It intersects healthcare access, institutional dependency, economic deprivation, surveillance, restricted movement, and diminished bodily autonomy. The problem is not simply that some people behind bars lack pads or tampons. The problem is that an institution can control whether, when, and how a person is able to manage an ordinary biological function.



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## Key Details in Policies

### Types of Products

People who menstruate may manage menses through a range of period products, including tampons, pads, panty liners, menstrual underwear, menstrual discs, and cups. Notably, the latter three require access to clean water (see WASH). Choice in products is a matter of dignity on the basis of religious practice, disability status, and other social factors. Facilities should ensure that everyone has access to a full range of products. Notably, people may manage menstruation, outside of carceral settings, without period products. For instance, some people prefer to free bleed, but opportunities to manage menses without products in carceral settings are scarce to non-existent.

Products can have a range of thicknesses, based on menstrual flow (i.e., the amount of menses). Pads may have wings or be wingless. Facilities should ensure there is a variety of thicknesses, and wing(less) options available.

### When Products are Available

When people menstruate, products should be readily available at all times to ensure comfort and health (i.e., prevent irritation, rashes, and infections).

### Where Products are Available

Menstruation is not confined to a single space. Products should be everywhere people are. Products should be available in restrooms, housing units, visitation spaces, and work locations, at minimum.

### Quantity Provided or Maximum Allowed

Individuals who menstruate need a variable amount of product based on their flow, comfort, and other health needs. There should be no maximum amount of product allotted.

## Quality

Products can range in quality based on their comfortability as well as in the chemicals – or lack of – used in the production. Products should be free from chemicals and aligned with industry standards. People who have experienced a period in prison repeatedly described products they had access to as being like non-absorbent surfboards. Access is only meaningful if products can fulfill their intended function.

## Cost of Products

All products should be freely available to anyone who menstruates.

## Related Concerns (e.g., toilet paper, pain management)

Menstrual health includes a range of symptoms beyond menses. Individuals may need access to pain management tools such as medication or showers. Other symptoms might lead to more frequent use of restrooms. Toilet paper and pain management tools are critical to menstrual health. Healthcare should ensure timely access to pain management tools. Toilet paper should be routinely accessible in restrooms and free of charge.

## Clean Clothing

Almost all detention facilities impose a limit on the number of clothing items provided to residents. Laundry is done on a set schedule. This can mean that people are left wearing clothing stained with bodily fluids. Even menstruators with consistent access to menstrual products occasionally bleed onto clothing. Facilities should ensure soiled garments are replaced as quickly as possible.

## WaSH [Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene] (e.g., showers, clean water, restrooms, laundry)

Prohibition on use of showers, restrooms, and laundry services can impact menstruators such that they may bleed through clothing, experience uncomfortable symptoms, wear soiled clothing, and lose access to potential pain mitigation tools (e.g.,

warm water). Policies should include WaSH, alongside details regarding product distribution.

## Safety Gear

Individuals tasked with disposing of bodily fluids, such as disposing of used menstrual products, should be provided with items meant to prevent contact with fluids.

## Incontinence and Post-Partum Pads

Other products related to the menstrual cycle are post-partum pads for those who have recently given birth and incontinence pads for those experiencing menopause. Both of these products should also be accessible to those who need them.

## Training

Policies on menstruation and menstrual products should be reviewed with employees. This ensures everyone understands the policy, why it is necessary, how to implement it, and how to inform residents of their rights.

## Enforcement and Prohibition of Refusal

Laws should identify enforcement mechanisms for distribution on officer, warden, facility, county, and state-levels. They should specifically prohibit the refusal to provide products, and identify accountability mechanisms such as oversight of distribution, should be detailed in policies.

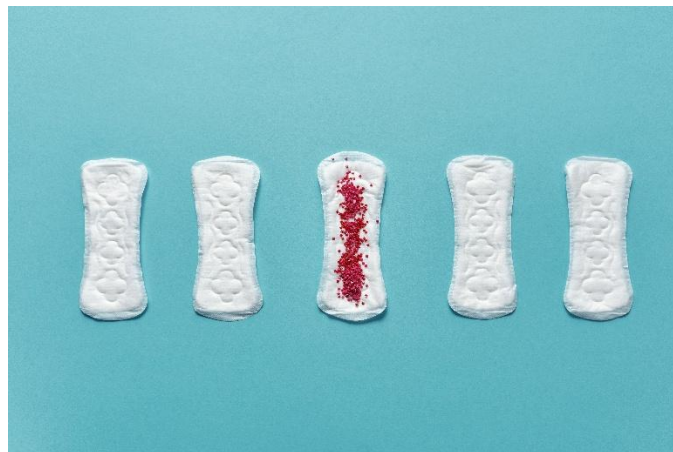


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## National Summary

We identified four basic types of rules on the provision of menstrual products in women's prisons and jails. The first are laws that have been voted through the legislature (statutes), the second are administrative codes, the third are internal department of correction regulations, and the fourth are guidelines discussed in the admission and orientation handbooks for incarcerated people. Facilities are required to provide a copy of these handbooks to all residents on admission to ensure they are familiar with basic facility processes and rules, such as how to access the commissary and the schedule for laundry.

Most facility handbooks do not make clear how residents can access menstrual products, which means new residents are left in the dark about a basic need. While many states have passed legislation requiring access to menstrual products in prisons, very few have included many of the details from the previous section. Furthermore, it is hard to say how effective these rules are given the lack of independent oversight, accountability, and transparency for prisons in the US. This summary is therefore an incomplete picture of the issue.

| <b>Jurisdiction</b> | <b>Law</b> | <b>Admin Code</b> | <b>DoC Reg</b> | <b>Handbook Mention</b> |
|---------------------|------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Federal             | X          |                   | X              | X                       |
| Alabama             | X          |                   | X              | X                       |
| Alaska              |            |                   | X              | X                       |
| Arizona             | X          |                   | X              |                         |
| Arkansas            | X          |                   |                | X                       |
| California          | X          |                   |                |                         |
| Colorado            | X          |                   | X              | X                       |
| Connecticut         | X          |                   |                |                         |
| Delaware            | X          |                   |                |                         |
| Florida             | X          | X                 |                |                         |
| Georgia             |            | X                 | X              |                         |
| Hawai'i             |            |                   | X              |                         |
| Idaho               |            |                   | X              |                         |
| Illinois            | X          |                   |                | X                       |
| Indiana             |            |                   | X              |                         |
| Iowa                |            |                   |                |                         |
| Kansas              |            |                   | X              |                         |

| Jurisdiction   | Law | Admin Code | DoC Reg | Handbook Mention |
|----------------|-----|------------|---------|------------------|
| Kentucky       |     |            | X       |                  |
| Louisiana      | X   |            |         |                  |
| Maine          | X   |            | X       |                  |
| Maryland       | X   | X          | X       |                  |
| Massachusetts  |     |            |         |                  |
| Michigan       |     |            | X       |                  |
| Minnesota      | X   |            |         | X                |
| Mississippi    | X   |            |         | X                |
| Missouri       | X   |            |         | X                |
| Montana        |     |            | X       |                  |
| Nebraska       | X   |            | X       |                  |
| Nevada         | X   |            | X       |                  |
| New Hampshire  | X   |            |         |                  |
| New Jersey     | X   | X          |         |                  |
| New Mexico     |     |            | X       | X                |
| New York       | X   | X          |         | X                |
| North Carolina | X   |            |         |                  |
| North Dakota   |     |            | X       |                  |
| Ohio           | X   | X          | X       | X                |
| Oklahoma       |     |            | X       |                  |
| Oregon         | X   |            |         |                  |
| Pennsylvania   | X   |            | X       |                  |
| Rhode Island   |     |            | X       |                  |
| South Carolina | X   |            |         |                  |
| South Dakota   |     |            | X       |                  |
| Tennessee      | X   |            |         |                  |
| Texas          | X   |            |         |                  |
| Utah           |     |            | X       | X                |
| Vermont        |     |            |         | X                |
| Virginia       | X   |            |         |                  |
| Washington     |     | X          | X       |                  |
| West Virginia  |     | X          | X       |                  |
| Wisconsin      |     |            | X       | X                |
| Wyoming        |     |            |         |                  |

Any of these rules can be updated or changed to remove references to menstrual product provision. The process for doing so is easier to do with internal department of correction policies and facility handbooks than with laws or administrative codes. Examples of jurisdictions that have *removed* references to the provision of menstrual products are below.

| Jurisdiction | Rule                                                                  | Change                                                                                                   |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Connecticut  | Administrative Directive 6.10 – Inmate Property                       | Menstrual products removed from list of state-issued items when updated in 2025.                         |
| Montana      | Policy No. DOC 4.4.1 – Offender Hygiene, Clothing, and Linen Supplies | 2020 update removed menstrual products from discussion of hygiene.                                       |
| Washington   | WA Rev Code § 70.395.020                                              | 2025 update removed the definition of ‘basic personal hygiene items,’ which included menstrual products. |

Jurisdictions may also choose not to renew policies that were in place and mentioned menstrual product provision. For example, it is unclear whether the Bureau of Prisons renewed its memo on the provision of feminine hygiene products, originally OP No. 001-2017.

A full list of all rules on menstrual product provision in prisons, jails, and some other types of facilities can be found in the complete [Prison Flow Project Compendium](#).

## Basic Recommendations for Rules on Access

1. All detention facilities must provide constant access to whatever products needed to manage bodily functions (menstrual products such as tampons and pads, toilet paper, incontinence pads, etc.) free of charge, in unlimited amounts, which adhere to industry quality standards.
  - a. There must be multiple, stocked distribution points, including in the housing unit, all job sites, restrooms, any kind of special housing including disciplinary and programmatic, and the visitation area, with the opportunity to grab supplies before any transportation. Having to ask a correctional employee for any kind of product should be a last resort.
2. Everyone must have access to the bathroom when they need it, including to change products, with hygienic disposal in all bathrooms. Those responsible for disposal of used products should be provided protective gear against bodily fluids.
3. No one may be denied access due to discrimination based on race, sex, gender expression, disability, as a form of punishment, or any other characteristic.

Outside of prisons, there are still changes to be made that would impact this issue. For example, eighteen states currently charge sales tax on menstrual products. Eliminating sales tax on menstrual products<sup>1</sup> can incentivize the state to procure more menstrual products to serve resident needs. Another example would be investing in social welfare programs and decriminalizing issues of poverty, such as homelessness, to prevent people who menstruate from being sent to prison in the first place.

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<sup>1</sup> Most recently in 2025, the Alabama legislature passed and was signed into law [HB 152](#) which eliminated the sales tax on menstrual and certain baby products and supplies.

## Conclusion – Towards Menstrual Justice

The cumulative evidence demonstrates that menstrual inequity behind bars is not simply a problem of insufficient supplies. It is produced at the intersection of incarceration, poverty, healthcare inequity, gender inequality, racial inequality, and institutional power. As mentioned in the introduction, people of color and women are overincarcerated, have fewer resources going into prison, and struggle with issues such as prior abuse (American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, 2021; Sawyer et al., 2026). By law, a free menstruator with access to resources can determine what products to purchase, how many to purchase, when to change them, where to change them, and whether to seek medical care for abnormal conditions. An incarcerated menstruator may have little or no control over any of these decisions. This distinction matters because institutional control changes the meaning of a basic biological need. When access to products depends on staff discretion, a shortage can become a question of power. When products are withheld or access is restricted as punishment, menstruation becomes a gendered and sexed mechanism of institutional control (Moss et al., 2025).

Menstrual inequity in correctional facilities is a manifestation of a larger structural problem. The carceral system has the authority to control nearly every aspect of a person's daily life, yet it has not consistently treated menstrual health as a fundamental component of that person's health and dignity. The evidence presented in this background demonstrates that the problem cannot be solved simply by adding pads or tampons to a supply closet. Menstrual inequity is sustained when products are insufficient, difficult to obtain, financially inaccessible, poor in quality, distributed inconsistently, or controlled through staff discretion. It is sustained when reproductive healthcare is fragmented, when sanitation and privacy are inadequate, and when institutional rules punish people for the consequences of not having the resources necessary to manage their bodies.

The distinction between equality and equity is particularly important. Giving every resident the same limited number of products may appear equal, but it does not

guarantee that every menstruator can manage their cycle safely. A person with heavy bleeding may require more products. A person in restrictive housing may need access to supplies outside ordinary distribution schedules. A transgender man or nonbinary person may require access without being forced to disclose or defend their gender identity. A resident experiencing severe menstrual pain may require medical evaluation rather than simply another product. Equity requires institutions to respond to these differences rather than treating them as exceptions.

The research also demonstrates that legislation, while essential, is only one part of the solution. Laws must be written with enough specificity to define what access means, who is responsible for providing it, where products must be located, how quickly shortages must be corrected, and what protections exist against retaliation or punishment. Policies must be implemented through routine monitoring, transparent reporting, staff training, grievance mechanisms, and consequences when institutions fail to comply. Facilities may require technical support to ensure these changes are properly implemented. Without these safeguards, the practical meaning of a right can remain subject to the discretion of the institution charged with providing it.

A comprehensive approach to menstrual justice behind bars must therefore recognize menstrual products as necessities rather than privileges; guarantee free, adequate, and consistent access; provide a range of products that accommodates different bodies and menstrual needs; ensure safe sanitation and disposal; protect privacy; provide timely reproductive and gynecologic healthcare; and prohibit the use or withholding of menstrual products as a form of punishment, coercion, discrimination, or abuse. These protections must extend across prisons, jails, detention centers, restrictive housing, intake, transportation, work assignments, and other settings in which a person may be placed.

Most importantly, incarcerated people must be included in the development and evaluation of the policies that govern their bodies. People who have menstruated behind bars possess knowledge that cannot be replaced by policy language written outside the institution. Their experiences reveal where formal rules fail, how barriers are

created, and what meaningful access requires. A comprehensive policy must respond to those experiences rather than treating them as anecdotal exceptions.

Ultimately, incarceration removes a person's liberty; it should not require the surrender of bodily dignity. Menstruation does not become less human because it occurs inside a correctional facility, and the need to manage it does not become optional because a person is incarcerated. A society committed to health, dignity, and justice must ensure that the people it confines can care for their bodies safely and without humiliation.

To be Free to Bleed is, at its most basic level, to be free from the additional punishment of having a body. Menstrual justice behind bars requires the correctional system to recognize that distinction, and to build policies, practices, and systems of accountability that ensure no person is forced to suffer, improvise, barter, or be punished simply because they menstruate.

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## Appendix A – Jurisdiction Summaries

Prison populations pulled from Prisoners in 2023 series (Mueller & Kluckow, 2025).

For each jurisdiction, the summary shows:

1. The number of women in prison in that jurisdiction;
2. What proportion of all imprisoned women in the US are in that area;
3. Women’s prison facilities (including co-ed); and
4. Policies on the provision of menstrual products with citations, links, and excerpts.

These summaries begin with the federal jurisdiction (Bureau of Prisons) and then move alphabetically through each state.

## Federal Government

Prisons overseen by the [Federal Bureau of Prisons](#).

### Numbers

|                                      |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 10,606 |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 11.6%  |

### Facilities

|                                |                                          |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">FPC Alderson</a>   | <a href="#">MDC Los Angeles</a>          |
| <a href="#">FCI Aliceville</a> | <a href="#">FCI Marianna</a>             |
| <a href="#">MDC Brooklyn</a>   | <a href="#">FDC Miami</a>                |
| <a href="#">FPC Bryan</a>      | <a href="#">FTC Oklahoma City</a>        |
| <a href="#">FMC Carswell</a>   | <a href="#">FCI Pekin</a>                |
| <a href="#">MCC Chicago</a>    | <a href="#">FDC Philadelphia</a>         |
| <a href="#">FCI Danbury</a>    | <a href="#">FCI Phoenix</a>              |
| <a href="#">FCI Estill</a>     | <a href="#">MCC San Diego</a>            |
| <a href="#">FCI Greenville</a> | <a href="#">FDC SeaTac</a>               |
| <a href="#">MDC Guaynabo</a>   | <a href="#">FCI Tallahassee</a>          |
| <a href="#">FCI Hazelton</a>   | <a href="#">FCI Tucson</a>               |
| <a href="#">FDC Honolulu</a>   | <a href="#">FCI Victorville Medium I</a> |
| <a href="#">FDC Houston</a>    | <a href="#">FCI Waseca</a>               |
| <a href="#">FMC Lexington</a>  |                                          |

### Rules

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                               | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Law        | <a href="#">18 U.S.C. § 4042 - First Step Act</a>                      | HEALTHCARE PRODUCTS<br>Pub. L. 115–391, title VI, § 611, Dec. 21, 2018, 132 Stat. 5247, provided that:<br>(a) AVAILABILITY.—The Director of the Bureau of Prisons shall make the healthcare products described in subsection (c) available to prisoners for free, in a quantity that is appropriate to the healthcare needs of each prisoner.<br>(b) QUALITY PRODUCTS.—The Director shall ensure that the healthcare products provided under this section conform with applicable industry standards.<br>(c) PRODUCTS.—The healthcare products described in this subsection are tampons and sanitary napkins. |
| BOP Policy | <a href="#">BOP Program Statement 5230.05 - Grooming</a>               | For women, products for female hygiene needs shall be available.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| BOP Policy | <a href="#">BOP Program Statement 5200.09 - Female Offender Manual</a> | The First Step Act of 2018, Section 611:<br>(a) AVAILABILITY.—The Director of the Bureau of Prisons shall make the healthcare products                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

| Rule Type | Citation                                     | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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|           |                                              | <p>described in subsection (c) available to prisoners for free, in a quantity that is appropriate to the healthcare needs of each prisoner.</p> <p>(b) QUALITY PRODUCTS.—The Director shall ensure that the healthcare products provided under this section conform with applicable industry standards.</p> <p>(c) PRODUCTS.—The healthcare products described in this subsection are tampons and sanitary napkins.</p> <p>Hair styling irons (curling iron, flat iron) and hair dryers must also be made available to inmates. Wardens will ensure inmates are provided the following products (at no cost to the inmates):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Tampons, regular and super size.</li> <li>■ Maxi Pads with wings, regular and super size.</li> <li>■ Panty liners, regular.</li> </ul> <p>Additional products of this type may be purchased and issued by the facility at the discretion of the Warden. Institutions will purchase the products in accordance with National Acquisitions guidance. These products are provided in addition to those required via the standardized female specific commissary list.</p> <p>In issuing feminine hygiene products, staff may not ration these items. For inmates in general population, all products must be made available in common areas, either a bathroom or accessible area of the housing unit. Women must have access to these items at all times of the day and may keep them in their cell, consistent with personal property requirements. Monthly issuance of these items is strictly prohibited, and unit replenishment of supplies must be done with 24 hours of notification that a particular product is lacking. For women in restrictive housing, all five products must be available for issuance on a daily basis. Misuse of items for other than intended purposes is not cause for withholding access, but is managed via routine disciplinary procedures.</p> |
| Handbook  | <a href="#">FCI Greenville Camp Handbook</a> | Sanitary napkins and soap are issued by the institution, as well as other hygiene products (for indigent inmates) and are available in the housing units. p.8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Handbook  | <a href="#">FDC Houston Center</a>           | Products for female hygiene are available upon request. p.42                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Handbook  | <a href="#">FDC Houston Holdover</a>         | Products for female hygiene are available upon request. p.18                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

| Rule Type | Citation                   | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Handbook  | <a href="#">FDC SeaTac</a> | Articles necessary for maintaining personal hygiene to include: soap, toothbrush, toothpaste or powder, comb, feminine hygiene products, and toilet paper are available from the Unit Officer or requested by laundry. p.17 |
| Handbook  | <a href="#">FCI Waseca</a> | Sanitary pads (regular and super), tampons (regular and super), and panty liners are issued by the institution and made available to all inmates on the housing unit in inmate restrooms. p.7                               |

## Alabama

### Numbers

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 2,499 |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 2.7%  |

### Facilities

|                                               |                                                                                       |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Julia Tutwiler Prison</a>         | <a href="#">Birmingham Women's Community Based Facility and Community Work Center</a> |
| Alabama Therapeutic Education Facility (ATEF) | <a href="#">Montgomery Women's Facility</a>                                           |

### Rules

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                               | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Law        | <a href="#">AL Code § 14-3-44</a>                                      | The Department of Corrections shall provide feminine hygiene products to female prisoners at the expense of the department, as soon as is practicable, upon request by the female prisoner.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| DoC Policy | <a href="#">AL DoC Administrative Regulation 338 - Inmate Property</a> | Initial Intake: The ADOC shall govern the inmate property of those inmates new to the system...Each inmate will be issued at intake:...Feminine Hygiene products are readily available (female).<br>INMATE PERSONAL PROPERTY INSTITUTIONS<br>The following annex includes a list of personal property and state-issued property that inmates may possess within their locker box or other areas designated by the Warden/Designee. Inmates may also possess any approved item from the Canteen that is not listed. This list governs all inmate personal and state-issued property. This list will be attached and updated annually at a minimum...Hygiene Items...Female Hygiene Products - female only (30)<br>INMATE PERSONAL PROPERTY WORK RELEASES<br>Maximum \$50 value per item of clothing, total combined clothing replacement costs will not exceed \$400.00, and total combined personal property replacement costs will not exceed \$540.00...Hygiene Items:...Female Hygiene Products - (30) |
| Handbook   | <a href="#">AL Women's Services Inmate Handbook</a>                    | Hygiene Items - Necessary toilet articles will be supplied for you or you can purchase preferred items from the canteen. Necessary items include toothbrush, toothpaste, bar soap, hair shampoo, hair pressing oil, deodorant, disposable razor, shaving cream, a comb and brush, shower shoes,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

| Rule Type | Citation | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-----------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|           |          | feminine hygiene items (sanitary napkins and tampons), and toilet paper. Both feminine hygiene items and toilet paper are unlimited and are continuously stocked on all units. If you are running low or out of these, please tell a staff member. p. 10-11 |

## Alaska

### Numbers

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 420  |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 0.5% |

### Facilities

|                                                     |                                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Hiland Mountain Correctional Center</a> | <a href="#">Yukon Kuskokwim Correctional Center</a>    |
| <a href="#">Anvil Mountain Correctional Center</a>  | <a href="#">Wildwood Pretrial Correctional Complex</a> |
| <a href="#">Fairbanks Correctional Center</a>       | <a href="#">Mat-Su Pretrial</a>                        |
| <a href="#">Lemon Creek Correctional Center</a>     | <a href="#">Ketchikan Correctional Center</a>          |

### Rules

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                                                        | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DoC Policy | <a href="#">AK DoC Policy and Procedure 806.02 - Prisoner Hygiene, Grooming, and Sanitation</a> | Personal Hygiene Items:<br>1. When admitted to the institution, the Department shall give each prisoner, at a minimum, soap, a toothbrush, toothpaste, a comb, and feminine hygiene items for women. |
| Handbook   | <a href="#">Hiland Mountain Correctional Center Prisoner Handbook</a>                           | Authorized Property List...Sanitary Napkin/Tampons - box...quantities as required, prescribed or permitted by Medical or approved by the Superintendent. p.48                                        |

## Arizona

### Numbers

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 3,166 |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 3.5%  |

### Facilities

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| <a href="#">Perryville</a> |  |
|----------------------------|--|

### Rules

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                     | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Law        | <a href="#">AZ Rev Stat § 31-201.01</a>                      | N. On request of a female inmate, the director shall provide female inmates with a sufficient supply of feminine hygiene products. Notwithstanding any other law, the director may not charge female inmates for feminine hygiene products.<br>O. For the purposes of this section:<br>1. "Feminine hygiene products" includes tampons, sanitary napkins, menstrual sponges, menstrual cups and similar items that are used for a menstrual cycle. |
| DoC Policy | <a href="#">AZ DoC Department Order: 909 Inmate Property</a> | 3.9 Feminine Hygiene Products<br>3.9.1 Female inmates, including those who are determined to be Health and Welfare Indigent, shall receive a total of 36 sanitary napkins and/or tampons monthly, based on their preference, from the State Issue Officer or designee.<br>3.9.1.1 Female inmates may obtain additional feminine hygiene products through the inmate store at no cost to the inmate, upon request                                   |

## Arkansas

### Numbers

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 1,568 |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 1.7%  |

### Facilities

|                                             |                                                             |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">J. Aaron Hawkins Sr. Center</a> | <a href="#">Pine Bluff Work Release Center</a>              |
| <a href="#">McPherson Unit</a>              | <a href="#">Dr. Mary L. Parker-Reed Women's Health Unit</a> |

### Rules

| Rule Type | Citation                               | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-----------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Law       | <a href="#">A.C.A. § 12-32-103</a>     | (a) A correctional or detention facility shall establish a policy for providing:...(2) A necessary number of hygiene products for female inmates and detainees                     |
| Handbook  | <a href="#">AR DoC Inmate Handbook</a> | Personal Clothing<br>The ADC provides uniforms, undergarments, a pair of shoes, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, safety razor with blade, bath towels and feminine hygiene items. p.9 |

## California

### *Numbers*

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 3,816 |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 4.2%  |

### *Facilities*

|                                                        |                                                            |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">California Institution for Women (CIW)</a> | <a href="#">Central California Women's Facility (CCWF)</a> |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|

### *Rules*

| Rule Type | Citation                             | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Law       | <a href="#">CA Penal Code § 3409</a> | (a) A person incarcerated in state prison who menstruates or experiences uterine or vaginal bleeding shall, without needing to request, have ready access to, and be allowed to use, materials necessary for personal hygiene with regard to their menstrual cycle and reproductive system, including, but not limited to, sanitary pads and tampons, at no cost to the person. |

## Colorado

### Numbers

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 1,429 |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 1.6%  |

### Facilities

|                                                      |                                                |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Denver Women's Correctional Facility</a> | <a href="#">La Vista Correctional Facility</a> |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|

### Rules

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                                                                                       | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Law        | <a href="#">CO Rev Stat § 17-1-113.6</a>                                                                                       | (1) A correctional facility or private contract prison shall provide whichever menstrual hygiene products are requested by a person in custody to the person in custody at no expense to the person in custody. A correctional facility or private contract prison shall not impose any condition or restriction on a person in custody's access to menstrual hygiene products.<br>(2) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires, "menstrual hygiene products" means tampons, menstrual pads, sanitary napkins, and pantliners. |
| Law        | <a href="#">CO Rev Stat § 17-1-114.5</a>                                                                                       | (1) A correctional facility or private contract prison incarcerating a person who is capable of pregnancy shall:...(c) Provide each pregnant person, during the person's pregnancy and through the person's postpartum period, with access to:...(II) Healthy foods and information on nutrition, recommended activity levels, safety measures, and supplies, including menstrual products as required in section 17-1-113.6                                                                                                                         |
| DoC Policy | <a href="#">CO DoC Administrative Regulation 850-11 Offender Clothing and Bedding Issue, Dress Code, Hygiene, and Grooming</a> | K. Hygiene Items...All facilities will provide a controlled adequate issuance of toilet paper and feminine hygiene supplies (female offenders only).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Handbook   | <a href="#">Denver Women's Correctional Facility Offender Orientation Handbook</a>                                             | You will be issued one hygiene kit which includes: soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, shampoo, feminine hygiene pads, and toilet paper. p.4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

## Connecticut

### Numbers

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 897  |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 1.0% |

### Facilities

|                                               |  |
|-----------------------------------------------|--|
| <a href="#">York Correctional Institution</a> |  |
|-----------------------------------------------|--|

### Rules

| Rule Type | Citation                             | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Law       | <a href="#">CT Gen Stat § 18-69e</a> | Correctional staff at York Correctional Institution shall, upon request, provide an inmate at the institution with menstrual products as soon as practicable. Correctional staff shall provide such menstrual products for free, in a quantity that is appropriate to the health care needs of the inmate and, on and after July 1, 2023, in a manner that does not stigmatize any inmate seeking such products, pursuant to guidelines established by the Commissioner of Public Health under section 19a-131l. To carry out the provisions of this section, the Department of Correction may (1) accept donations of menstrual products and grants from any source for the purpose of purchasing such products, and (2) partner with a nonprofit or community-based organization. For purposes of this section, menstrual products means tampons and sanitary napkins. |

## Delaware

### *Numbers*

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 323  |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 0.4% |

### *Facilities*

|                                                                |                                                             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Baylor Women's Correctional Institution (BWCI)</a> | <a href="#">Sussex Violation of Probation Center (SVOP)</a> |
| <a href="#">Hazel D. Plant Women's Treatment Facility</a>      |                                                             |

### *Rules*

| Rule Type | Citation                          | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Law       | <a href="#">29 DE Code § 8903</a> | The Commissioner shall:...(14) Provide feminine hygiene products to inmates at no cost in facilities maintained by the Department. For purposes of this paragraph, "feminine hygiene products" means tampons and sanitary napkins, for use in connection with the menstrual cycle. |

## Florida

### Numbers

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 5,881 |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 6.5%  |

### Facilities

|                                                    |                                                 |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Florida Women's Reception Center</a>   | <a href="#">Lowell Correctional Institution</a> |
| <a href="#">Gadsden Correctional Facility</a>      | <a href="#">Lowell Annex</a>                    |
| <a href="#">Homestead Correctional Institution</a> |                                                 |

### Rules

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                               | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Law        | <a href="#">FL Stat § 944.242</a>                                      | Dignity for women in correctional facilities.<br>(1) DEFINITIONS. As used in this section, the term:<br>(a) Correctional facility means any part of the correctional system, any county detention facility, juvenile detention center or residential facility, temporary holding center, or other criminal detention facility operated by or on behalf of the state or any political subdivision...<br>(c) Health care products includes the following:<br>1. Feminine hygiene products, including tampons...<br>(2) HEALTH CARE PRODUCTS. A correctional facility shall make available health care products to each woman incarcerated in the facility at no cost to the woman in a quantity that is appropriate to the needs of the woman without a medical referral. A correctional facility may not require that a woman be diagnosed with an illness in order to access health care products. A correctional facility shall make health care products available in common housing areas and in medical care facilities. |
| Admin Code | <a href="#">Fla. Admin. Code Ann. R. 33-601.800 - Close Management</a> | The following comfort items shall be provided at a minimum: toothbrush, toothpaste, bar of soap, towel or paper towels, feminine hygiene products for women, and toilet tissue.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Admin Code | <a href="#">Fla. Admin. Code Ann. R. 33-601.830 - Death Row</a>        | At a minimum, death row inmates shall be provided a toothbrush, toothpaste, a bar of soap, a towel or paper towels, toilet tissue, and feminine hygiene products for women.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Admin Code | <a href="#">Fla. Admin. Code Ann. R. 33-602.201 - Inmate Property</a>  | Feminine hygiene products (internal and external) (female only) (state issue or authorized source)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                                         | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Admin Code | <a href="#">Fla. Admin. Code Ann. R. 33-602.220 - Administrative Confinement</a> | The following comfort items shall be provided at a minimum: toothbrush, toothpaste, bar of soap, towel or paper towels, toilet tissue, and feminine hygiene products for women.                                         |
| Admin Code | <a href="#">Fla. Admin. Code Ann. R. 33-602.222 - Disciplinary Confinement</a>   | Inmates in disciplinary confinement shall be afforded, at a minimum, the following comfort items: toothbrush, toothpaste, bar of soap, towel (or paper towels), toilet tissue, and feminine hygiene products for women. |

## Georgia

### Numbers

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 3,665 |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 4.0%  |

### Facilities

|                                            |                                                            |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Lee Arrendale State Prison</a> | <a href="#">Pulaski State Prison</a>                       |
| <a href="#">Emanuel Womens Facility</a>    | <a href="#">West Central Integrated Treatment Facility</a> |
| <a href="#">Helms Facility</a>             | <a href="#">Whitworth Women's Facility</a>                 |
| <a href="#">Metro Transitional Center</a>  | <a href="#">Women's Detention Center</a>                   |

### Rules

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                                                                     | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Admin Code | <a href="#">Ga. Comp. R. &amp; Regs. R. 125-2-3-.04 - Personal Hygiene</a>                                   | Necessities shall include, but not be limited to, soap, razor blades or other shaving devices, toothbrushes, toothpaste or powder, etc. Female inmates shall be provided additional hygiene items as required.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| DoC Policy | <a href="#">GA DoC Standard Operating Procedures Policy Number: 206.04 - Feminine Hygiene Items Issuance</a> | <p>Introduction and Summary: It is the policy of the Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) to ensure hygiene items shall be provided to all offenders according to need and the schedule herein or as requested by medical. This Standard Operating Procedure establishes the responsibilities and procedures for the issuance of women's feminine hygiene items to the offenders of the GDC.</p> <p>A. Staff Responsibilities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Administrative Lieutenant shall be responsible for ensuring that the Laundry Officer issues the hygiene items to the offender population according to need and to the frequency schedule.</li> <li>2. The Laundry Officer shall be responsible for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Maintaining documentation (receipts) of all hygiene items that are issued weekly;</li> <li>b. Keeping a log of each time the items are issued to the offenders;</li> <li>c. The log shall contain the date and the amount of each item issued, and each offender's name;</li> <li>d. Maintaining a record of inventory of each hygiene item and ensuring adequate product is kept on hand;</li> <li>e. Bringing the hygiene items necessary to the housing units, medical, all other areas indicated by</li> </ol> </li> </ol> |

| Rule Type | Citation | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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|           |          | <p>the Warden or his/her designee in a timely manner and issuing items to offenders; and</p> <p>f. Bringing hygiene items to all offenders who are confined to bed or otherwise unable to come pick up their hygiene items such as offenders housed in restrictive housing or Medical.</p> <p>3. Medical is responsible for ensuring that a complete and detailed list of offenders with special feminine hygiene needs is kept and that profiles are given to all such offenders so that all such offenders receive all required feminine hygiene items as prescribed by Medical; and</p> <p>4. Offenders shall be responsible for reporting to the designated area when their dormitory is called to receive hygiene items.</p> <p>B. Process for Issuance of Hygiene Products:</p> <p>1. The Shift Officer in Charge (OIC) shall make an announcement weekly at the time and date designated by each facility for the offenders to report for their hygiene items.</p> <p>2. The Shift OIC shall assign an officer(s) to monitor offenders entering the area designated for hygiene issuance.</p> <p>3. The Dormitory Officer will notify the offenders to report to the designated area to receive their hygiene items once the announcement is made.</p> <p>4. The Laundry Officer shall set up a table in the designated area with the items listed below to be issued to the offenders.</p> <p>5. The offenders will show the officer their ID Card before receiving the hygiene items.</p> <p>6. Gender non-conforming offenders, including transgender offenders, may request specific hygiene items appropriate to their needs and such requests will be reviewed by the Warden and either approved or disapproved...</p> <p>10. Toilet paper, sanitary napkins, and tampons will be readily available to offenders in the housing units.</p> <p>11. The Sanitation Officer will ensure daily that the hygiene cabinet in each dorm is stocked with toilet paper, sanitary napkins, and tampons always.</p> <p>12. While offenders are in GDC custody, basic issued items are to be replaced when the item is empty or worn out from normal use, regardless of the frequency, however special allowances will be made for instances involving medical-related needs or for items worn, damaged, or missing for reasons beyond the offender's control.</p> |

| Rule Type | Citation | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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|           |          | <p>14. Offenders who do not receive required items may speak to any staff; to include shift supervisor and executive staff.</p> <p>15. Offenders may use the grievance system if they are not receiving required items and their concerns will be addressed promptly.</p> |

## Hawai'i

### Numbers

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 409  |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 0.4% |

### Facilities

|                                                       |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--|
| <a href="#">Women's Community Correctional Center</a> |  |
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### Rules

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                   | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DoC Policy | <a href="#">HI DoC Policy COR.17.04 - Personal Hygiene</a> | <p>Policy</p> <p>.1 Wardens shall ensure that sufficient services and supplies are available so that all inmates are provided the opportunity to keep clean and to practice habits essential to the maintenance of personal hygiene.</p> <p>.2 Upon admission to a facility, inmates shall be issued personal hygiene items....</p> <p>b. Additionally, all female inmates shall also receive: sanitary napkins, tampons and panty liners upon intake and/or provided access to these options in the housing units...excess personal hygiene items shall be considered contraband.</p> |

## Idaho

### *Numbers*

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 1,518 |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 1.7%  |

### *Facilities*

|                                                                 |                                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Pocatello Women's Correctional Center (PWCC)</a>    | <a href="#">South Idaho Correctional Institution (SICI)</a> |
| <a href="#">South Boise Women's Correctional Center (SBWCC)</a> |                                                             |

### *Rules*

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                                                                                          | Excerpt                                                                                 |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DoC Policy | <a href="#">ID DoC Standard Operating Procedure 306.02.01.001 - Hygiene of Inmates, Inmate Barbers, and Facility Housekeeping</a> | These Items may be issued as necessary...Sanitary napkins for female inmates, as needed |

## Illinois

### Numbers

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 1,533 |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 1.7%  |

### Facilities

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Decatur Correctional Center</a>                     | <a href="#">Joliet Inpatient Treatment Center</a> |
| <a href="#">Dixon Springs Structured Impact Program (DSSIP)</a> | <a href="#">Logan Correctional Center</a>         |
| <a href="#">Fox Valley Adult Transition Center</a>              |                                                   |

### Rules

| Rule Type | Citation                                                                             | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Law       | <a href="#">730 ILCS 5/3-7-2</a>                                                     | Menstrual hygiene products shall be available, as needed, free of charge, at all institutions and facilities of the Department for all committed persons who menstruate. In this subsection (j), "menstrual hygiene products" means tampons and sanitary napkins for use in connection with the menstrual cycle. |
| Handbook  | <a href="#">LOGAN CORRECTIONAL CENTER OFFENDER HANDBOOK &amp; ORIENTATION MANUAL</a> | State issued feminine hygiene products are distributed on state-pay week at no charge to the offender. Feminine hygiene products are also available for purchase at the Offender Commissary. p.29                                                                                                                |
| Handbook  | <a href="#">FOX VALLEY ADULT TRANSITION CENTER RESIDENT HANDBOOK</a>                 | Sanitary pads are available at the Shift area. Other hygiene products are to be purchased by resident after the resident receives their first employment paycheck. p.37                                                                                                                                          |

## Indiana

### Numbers

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 2,560 |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 2.8%  |

### Facilities

|                                               |                                                 |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Indiana Women's Prison</a>        | <a href="#">Rockville Correctional Facility</a> |
| <a href="#">Madison Correctional Facility</a> |                                                 |

### Rules

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                                                    | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| DoC Policy | <a href="#">IN DoC Policy 02-01-104 - OFFENDER GROOMING, CLOTHING, AND PERSONAL HYGIENE</a> | <p>Facilities housing female offenders shall ensure that the personal hygiene kits include sanitary napkins and tampons.</p> <p>No offender shall be required to go without the basic hygiene items, as found in the personal hygiene kits and including toilet paper and feminine hygiene items in female facilities, solely due to lack of funds to purchase these items. Facilities are not required to provide replacement hygiene items to offenders who choose to spend their funds on commissary items that are not essential or required for the offender's well-being. (i.e., it is not necessary for the facility to provide hygiene items to offenders who are not indigent and who decide to purchase non-hygiene items rather than hygiene items from the commissary.)...Offenders who choose to purchase items not necessary to their well-being rather than necessary personal hygiene items and whose level of personal hygiene deteriorates as a result shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the appropriate Policy and Administrative Procedure 02-04-101, The Disciplinary Code for Adult Offenders, or Policy and Administrative Procedure 03-02-101, Code of Conduct for Juvenile Offenders...Personal hygiene items may be denied to an individual offender or an individual offender's access to these items may be restricted if the Warden determines that this action is in the best interest and safety of the facility and the offender...Offenders who are assigned to a management unit (e.g., administrative restrictive status housing, disciplinary restrictive status housing, infirmary, etc.) may be restricted as to the personal hygiene items that are maintained in the</p> |

| Rule Type | Citation | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                             |
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|           |          | offender's living area if staff determines that the possession of these items may present a threat to the safety and security of the facility, staff, or offenders. |

## Iowa

### *Numbers*

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 719  |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 0.8% |

### *Facilities*

|                                                         |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--|
| <a href="#">Iowa Correctional Institution for Women</a> |  |
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### *Rules*

None found.

## Kansas

### Numbers

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 792  |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 0.9% |

### Facilities

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| <a href="#">Topeka Correctional Facility</a> |  |
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### Rules

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                           | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DoC Policy | <a href="#">KS DoC General order 12-108 Issue of Hygiene Items</a> | <p>Feminine Hygiene Items can be ordered from Canteen at no cost by any resident, whether indigent or not.</p> <p>A. Monthly combined limit of two (2).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Tampax Tampon Regular (20 count);</li> <li>ii. Tampax Tampon Super (20 Count);</li> <li>iii. Preference Regular Maxi Pads (24 Count);</li> <li>iv. Preference Super Maxi Pads (22 Count);</li> </ul> <p>b. Monthly limit of one (1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Always Panty Liner (20 Count).</li> </ul> |

## Kentucky

### *Numbers*

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 2,202 |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 2.4%  |

### *Facilities*

|                                                       |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--|
| <a href="#">KY Correctional Institution for Women</a> |  |
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### *Rules*

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                    | Excerpt                                                                                                                    |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DoC Policy | <a href="#">KY DoC Policy 14.2 – Personal Hygiene Items</a> | All institutions shall provide the following to inmates without charge:...Sanitary napkins...issued to female inmates only |

## Louisiana

### Numbers

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 1,568 |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 1.7%  |

### Facilities

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|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women</a> | <a href="#">Madison – Louisiana Transitional Center for Women Transitional Work Program</a> |
| <a href="#">Avoyelles Women’s Correctional Center</a>      | <a href="#">Ouachita Parish Transitional Work Program</a>                                   |
| <a href="#">Concordia Parish Transitional Work Program</a> |                                                                                             |

### Rules

| Rule Type | Citation                               | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Law       | <a href="#">LA Rev Stat § 15:892.1</a> | <p>A custodian shall make healthcare products available to all women incarcerated in a correctional facility at no cost and in a quantity that is appropriate to the needs of the woman without a medical permit. Custodians shall not require that a woman be diagnosed with an illness to access healthcare products. Custodians shall make healthcare products available in housing units and in the medical area of a correctional facility.</p> <p>(2) Healthcare products, as used in this Section, shall include all of the following:</p> <p>(a) Feminine hygiene products.</p> |

## Maine

### Numbers

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 197  |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 0.2% |

### Facilities

|                                |                                                       |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Women's Center</a> | <a href="#">Southern Maine Women's Reentry Center</a> |
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### Rules

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                                                               | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Law        | <a href="#">34-A ME Rev Stat § 3031</a>                                                                | Menstrual products. Comprehensive access to menstrual products, including, but not limited to, sanitary pads and tampons, provided and available at all times and without inconvenience or charge to a person who menstruates who resides in a correctional or detention facility |
| DoC Policy | <a href="#">ME DoC Policy 15.1 Administrative Status</a>                                               | k. Residents on administrative status shall be provided the following:<br>...2) personal hygiene items:<br>...f) feminine hygiene items, as gender-appropriate                                                                                                                    |
| DoC Policy | <a href="#">ME DoC Policy 15.3 Protective Custody Status</a>                                           | j. The prisoners shall be provided the following:<br>...2) personal hygiene items:<br>...f) feminine hygiene items, as gender-appropriate                                                                                                                                         |
| DoC Policy | <a href="#">ME DoC Policy 10.1 – Attachment A, Resident Allowable Property List – Female Residents</a> | FEMININE HYGIENE ITEMS, AS DETERMINED BY FACILITY, State Issue or Canteen Purchase                                                                                                                                                                                                |

## Maryland

### Numbers

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 629  |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 0.7% |

### Facilities

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|--|
| <a href="#">Maryland Correctional Institution – Women</a> |  |
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### Rules

| Rule Type | Citation                                              | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Law       | <a href="#">MD Correctional Services Code § 3-207</a> | On or before October 31 of each year, the Commissioner shall submit an annual report to the Secretary and the Governor that states, for each correctional facility in the Division... the annual cost of living for incarcerated individuals, including the average cost of...items available for purchase at a commissary, including...feminine hygiene products                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Law       | <a href="#">MD Correctional Services Code § 4-214</a> | <p>(a)(1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.</p> <p>(2) Commission means the Maryland Commission of Correctional Standards.</p> <p>(3) Menstrual hygiene products includes tampons and sanitary napkins for use in connection with the menstrual cycle.</p> <p>(b)(1) The Institution shall have a written policy and procedure in place requiring menstrual hygiene products to be provided at no cost to a female incarcerated individual on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) admission to the facility;</li> <li>(ii) a routine basis; and</li> <li>(iii) request.</li> </ul> <p>(2) The Director shall ensure that the Institution has a sufficient supply of menstrual hygiene products available to meet the needs of the incarcerated individual population at all times.</p> <p>(c) The Commission shall establish standards regarding the proper disposal of menstrual hygiene products.</p> <p>(d) The Institution shall maintain records on the provisions and availability of menstrual hygiene products to incarcerated individuals.</p> <p>(e) The Commission shall review the Institution's policy and records relating to menstrual hygiene products during regular inspections.</p> |

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                                             | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Law        | <a href="#">MD Correctional Services Code § 9-616</a>                                | <p>(a)(1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.</p> <p>(2) Commission means the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards.</p> <p>(3) Menstrual hygiene products includes tampons and sanitary napkins for use in connection with the menstrual cycle.</p> <p>(b) This section applies to local correctional facilities and correctional facilities in the Division of Correction.</p> <p>(c)(1) Each correctional facility shall have a written policy and procedure in place requiring menstrual hygiene products to be provided at no cost to a female incarcerated individual on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) admission to the facility;</li> <li>(ii) a routine basis; and</li> <li>(iii) request.</li> </ul> <p>(2) The managing official of a correctional facility shall ensure that the facility has a sufficient supply of menstrual hygiene products available to meet the needs of the incarcerated individual population at all times.</p> <p>(d) The Commission shall establish standards regarding the proper disposal of menstrual hygiene products.</p> <p>(e) Each correctional facility shall maintain records on the provision and availability of menstrual hygiene products to incarcerated individuals.</p> <p>(f) The Commission shall review each correctional facility's policy and records relating to menstrual hygiene products during regular inspections.</p> |
| Admin Code | <a href="#">Md. Code Regs. 12.14.01.01 – Definitions</a>                             | <p>“Menstrual hygiene products” has the meaning stated in Correctional Services Article, §§ 4-214 and 9-616, Annotated Code of Maryland.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Admin Code | <a href="#">Md. Code Regs. 12.14.03.05 – Standards-Inmate Housing and Sanitation</a> | <p>The managing official of a correctional facility shall have a written policy and procedure...Governing facility housekeeping, which includes provisions for...A secure paper or plastic receptacle for daily disposal of soiled menstrual hygiene products; and</p> <p>(e) Weekly removal of paper or plastic receptacles containing soiled menstrual hygiene products...Governing the availability of personal hygiene articles, which includes provisions for...The issue of no cost menstrual hygiene products to a female inmate at the time of admission to a facility, on a routine basis, and upon request...A record of inventory for menstrual hygiene products</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                                                                           | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Admin Code | <a href="#">Md. Code Regs. 12.14.04.04 – Standards – Inmate Housing and Sanitation</a>                             | The managing official shall have a written policy and procedure...Governing facility housekeeping, which includes provisions for...A secure paper or plastic receptacle for daily disposal of soiled menstrual hygiene products; and (e) Weekly removal of paper or plastic receptacles containing soiled menstrual hygiene products; (4) Governing the availability and distribution of personal hygiene articles, which includes provisions for...The issue of no-cost menstrual hygiene products to a female inmate at the time of admission to a facility, on a routine basis, and upon request...A record of inventory for menstrual hygiene products                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| DoC Policy | <a href="#">MD CoS Department Directive OPS.175.0002 – No Cost: Admission, Menstrual Hygiene, and Welfare Kits</a> | The Department shall provide...Female inmates shall be provided menstrual hygiene products in the form of a Menstrual Hygiene Kit on the following three occasions: 1) included with their Admission Kit upon admission or transfer to a Department correctional facility; 2) on a routine monthly basis; and 2) upon request by the inmate...The Department shall maintain a menstrual hygiene management program that effectively: (1) Safeguards the dignity, bodily integrity, and overall programmatic, work, and visitation opportunities of incarcerated women; (2) Provides menstrual hygiene products, including tampons and sanitary napkins, in quantities appropriate to the healthcare needs of each inmate; (3) Reduces health risks associated with poor menstrual hygiene; (4) Ensures secure and sanitary receptacles for the daily disposal of soiled menstrual hygiene products are available to inmates; and (5) Provides products that conform to applicable industry standards. C. When consistent with program limitations and the welfare of the inmate, medical and mental health treatment staff with explicit written documentation, may modify an inmate's admission, menstrual hygiene, and welfare kits, as well as commissary purchases. |

## Massachusetts

### *Numbers*

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 172  |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 0.2% |

### *Facilities*

|                                       |                                                                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#"><u>MCI-Framingham</u></a> | <a href="#"><u>Lemuel Shattuck Hospital Correctional Unit</u></a> |
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### *Rules*

None found.

## Michigan

### Numbers

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 1,701 |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 1.9%  |

### Facilities

|                                                                  |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| <a href="#">Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility (WHV)</a> |  |
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### Rules

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                                                         | Excerpt                                                                                                                                              |
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| DoC Policy | <a href="#">MI DoC POLICY DIRECTIVE 04.07.110 – STATE-ISSUED ITEMS AND CELL/ROOM FURNISHINGS</a> | Females shall be offered a 30-day supply of feminine hygiene products including sanitary napkins and/or tampons at intake and each month thereafter. |

## Minnesota

### Numbers

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 591  |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 0.6% |

### Facilities

|                                                            |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| <a href="#">Minnesota Correctional Facility – Shakopee</a> |  |
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### Rules

| Rule Type | Citation                                          | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Law       | <a href="#">MN Stat § 241.021</a>                 | Feminine hygiene. Feminine hygiene products, including at a minimum sanitary napkins and tampons, shall be provided at no cost to individuals housed in state correctional facilities used for the general confinement of female inmates. The commissioner of corrections shall develop a written policy to implement a process whereby a reasonable number of feminine hygiene products are available to female inmates. |
| Handbook  | <a href="#">MN DoC Shakopee Offender Handbook</a> | Feminine hygiene products are available for free to all offenders. You have the option to purchase name brand items through canteen. p.7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

## Mississippi

### *Numbers*

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 1,528 |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 1.7%  |

### *Facilities*

|                                                           |                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Central Mississippi Correctional Facility</a> | <a href="#">Mississippi Correctional Institute for Women</a> |
| <a href="#">Delta Correctional Facility</a>               |                                                              |

### *Rules*

| Rule Type | Citation                               | Excerpt                                                                                                                                              |
|-----------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Law       | <a href="#">MS Code § 47-5-1505</a>    | “Menstrual hygiene products” means products that women use during their menstrual cycle. This includes tampons, sanitary napkins and menstrual cups. |
| Law       | <a href="#">MS Code § 47-5-1515</a>    | The Department of Corrections shall ensure that sufficient personal hygiene products are available at each facility for all incarcerated women.      |
| Handbook  | <a href="#">MS DoC Inmate Handbook</a> | Female inmates will be issued sanitary napkins. p.15                                                                                                 |

## Missouri

### Numbers

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 2,129 |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 2.3%  |

### Facilities

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|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Chillicothe Correctional Center</a> | <a href="#">Women's Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center</a> |
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### Rules

| Rule Type | Citation                                                                                                        | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Law       | <a href="#">MO Rev Stat § 217.199</a>                                                                           | Feminine hygiene products, available at no cost to female offenders. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:<br>(1) "Appropriate quantity", an amount per day capable of satisfying the individual need of the offender if used for the feminine hygiene product's intended purpose;<br>(2) "Feminine hygiene products", tampons and sanitary napkins.<br>2. The director shall ensure that an appropriate quantity of feminine hygiene products are available at no cost to female offenders while confined in any correctional center of the department. The director shall ensure that the feminine hygiene products conform with applicable industry standards.<br>3. The general assembly may appropriate funds to assist the director in satisfying the requirements of this section. |
| Handbook  | <a href="#">MO DoC Chillicothe Correctional Center General Population Receiving and Orientation Information</a> | State toilet paper, soap and sanitary pads are provided. p.11                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Handbook  | <a href="#">MO DoC Chillicothe Correctional Center Treatment Housing Receiving and Orientation Information</a>  | State toilet paper, soap and sanitary pads are provided. p.10                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

## Montana

### Numbers

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 747  |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 0.8% |

### Facilities

|                                        |  |
|----------------------------------------|--|
| <a href="#">Montana Women's Prison</a> |  |
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### Rules

| Rule Type  | Citation                                       | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                      |
|------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DoC Policy | <a href="#">MT DoC Procedure No. MWP 4.1.3</a> | AUTHORIZED PROPERTY...7. HYGIENE...Pads – Maxi, 3 Authorized...Panty Liners, 3 Authorized...Sanitary napkins maxi/mini, 3 Authorized...Tampons, 3 Authorized |

## Nebraska

### Numbers

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 410  |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 0.4% |

### Facilities

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|--------------------------------------------------------|--|
| <a href="#">Nebraska Correctional Center for Women</a> |  |
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### Rules

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                        | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Law        | <a href="#">NE Code § 47-1008</a>                               | <p>Detention facility; supply feminine hygiene product.</p> <p>(1) For purposes of this section:</p> <p>(a) Detention facility means any:</p> <p>(i) Facility operated by the Department of Correctional Services;</p> <p>(ii) City or county jail;</p> <p>(iii) Juvenile detention facility or staff secure juvenile facility as such terms are defined in section 83-4,125; or</p> <p>(iv) Any other entity or institution operated by the state, a political subdivision, or a combination of political subdivisions for the careful keeping or rehabilitative needs of prisoners or detainees; and</p> <p>(b) Prisoner means any adult or juvenile incarcerated or detained in any detention facility and includes, but is not limited to, any adult or juvenile who is accused of, convicted of, sentenced for, or adjudicated for violations of criminal law or the terms and conditions of parole, probation, pretrial release, post-release supervision, or a diversionary program.</p> <p>(2) If any female prisoner in a detention facility needs a feminine hygiene product, the detention facility shall supply such product to the prisoner free of charge.</p> |
| DoC Policy | <a href="#">NE DoC Policy 111.01 – Sanitation &amp; Hygiene</a> | <p>Articles necessary for maintaining proper hygiene shall be made available to all incarcerated individuals and provided to those who are indigent. These articles include the following...Special hygiene items for female incarcerated individuals. Sanitary napkins, panty liners, and at least two sizes of tampons will be available in the restrooms of all women's housing units. These items are provided at no cost to the incarcerated population.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

## Nevada

### Numbers

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 870  |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 1.0% |

### Facilities

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| <a href="#">Casa Grande Transitional Housing (CGTH)</a>              | <a href="#">Jean Conservation Camp (JCC)</a> |
| <a href="#">Florence McClure Women's Correctional Center (FMWCC)</a> |                                              |

### Rules

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                                                    | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Law        | <a href="#">NV Rev Stat § 209.3817</a>                                                      | 1. The Department shall ensure that each woman who is assigned to an institution or facility completes a form at the time of intake to assess the needs of the woman while in the custody of the Department. The form must include, without limitation, questions relating to: (a) How recently the woman has received preventative gynecological care and, if applicable, obstetrical care; and (b) The needs of the woman for feminine hygiene products for the purpose of providing the woman with a suitable supply of feminine hygiene products...The Department shall provide a woman who is in the custody of the Department with a sufficient supply of feminine hygiene products at no cost. The Department shall provide the woman with a preferred type of feminine hygiene products upon request. A woman may at any time inform the Department of a need to adjust the supply of feminine hygiene products necessary to constitute a sufficient supply for the needs of the woman...As used in this section: (a) "Feminine hygiene product" means a sanitary napkin, tampon or other similar item used during a menstrual cycle. |
| DoC Policy | <a href="#">NV DoC Administrative Regulation 705 – Inmate Grooming and Personal Hygiene</a> | Special hygiene needs of female inmates should be issued on an as needed basis                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

## New Hampshire

### Numbers

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 144  |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 0.2% |

### Facilities

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| <a href="#">New Hampshire Correctional Facility for Women (NHCFW)</a> |  |
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### Rules

| Rule Type | Citation                               | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Law       | <a href="#">NH Rev Stat § 622:37-a</a> | Provision of Menstrual Hygiene Products. The warden or director of each state correctional facility and any facility listed in RSA 169-B:14, I(c) or (e) shall provide sufficient menstrual hygiene products to individuals who are in the custody of the state who biologically menstruate, at no cost to such persons. Sufficiency shall be considered, at minimum, a combination of 20 standard issue menstrual hygiene products per individual's menstrual cycle. An individual may request additional menstrual hygiene products based exclusively on their cycle at no cost at the discretion of the commissioner, or designee. The number of menstrual hygiene products kept in a cell shall not be excessive so as not to create safety or security issues and shall only be used for the intended purpose. As used in this section, "menstrual hygiene products" means tampons, menstrual pads, sanitary napkins, and pantliners. |

## New Jersey

### Numbers

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 472  |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 0.5% |

### Facilities

|                                  |                                                 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Edna Mahan Correctional Facility | Edna Mahan Correctional Facility Satellite Unit |
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### Rules

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                                      | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Law        | <a href="#">NJ Rev Stat § 30:1B-6.8</a>                                       | The Commissioner of Corrections shall...require standard feminine hygiene products, including but not limited to, tampons and sanitary pads, be provided at the request of and free of charge to female inmates, and petroleum jelly, aspirin, ibuprofen, and any other item deemed appropriate by the commissioner, to be made available to inmates from the commissary or medical department |
| Law        | <a href="#">NJ Rev Stat § 30:1B-6.6</a>                                       | The Legislature finds and declares...Many incarcerated primary caretaker parents also are faced with difficult and competing choices, like whether to use their limited funds to communicate with their children or in the case of female inmates, to purchase hygiene products in the commissary.                                                                                             |
| Admin Code | <a href="#">N.J. Admin. Code § 10A:14-2.1 – Sanitary/hygiene/grooming kit</a> | A sanitary/hygiene/grooming kit which includes a minimum of the following items shall be provided at no cost to all inmates upon initial admission to the State prison system...Feminine hygiene supplies for women.                                                                                                                                                                           |

## New Mexico

### *Numbers*

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 542  |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 0.6% |

### *Facilities*

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|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Springer Correctional Center</a> | <a href="#">Western New Mexico Correctional Facility</a> |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|

### *Rules*

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                     | Excerpt                                                                                                                 |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DoC Policy | <a href="#">NM CoD CD-150200 Inmate Property and Laundry</a> | State Issued Hygiene...Sanitary Napkins, female inmates (as needed, from previous version)                              |
| Handbook   | <a href="#">Springer Correctional Center Inmate Handbook</a> | The hygiene kit will be composed of the following items and will only be issued one (1) time. 1- Sanitary Napkins. p.13 |

## New York

### Numbers

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 1,322 |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 1.5%  |

### Facilities

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|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Albion Correctional Facility</a>             | <a href="#">Lakeview Shock Incarceration Correctional Facility</a> |
| <a href="#">Bedford Hills Correctional Facility</a>      | <a href="#">Taconic Correctional Facility</a>                      |
| <a href="#">Edgecombe Residential Treatment Facility</a> |                                                                    |

### Rules

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                                                     | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Law        | <a href="#">NY Corr L § 625</a>                                                              | Menstrual products. Menstrual products, including, but not limited to, pads, tampons and panty liners, shall be provided at no cost to individuals housed in state and local correctional facilities used for the general confinement of incarcerated individuals and in any other state or local facility where individuals are detained or confined by law enforcement agencies.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Admin Code | <a href="#">N.Y. Comp. Codes R. &amp; Regs. Tit. 7 § 302.2 – Issue items (initial)</a>       | Female inmates shall be provided with basic feminine hygiene items as required.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Admin Code | <a href="#">N.Y. Comp. Codes R. &amp; Regs. Tit. 7 § 1704.5 – Personal hygiene items</a>     | The following shall be provided or, where specified below, made available to each inmate at time of reception...sanitary napkins for female inmates...The items listed in subdivision (a) of this section will be replenished on an as-needed basis, the frequency to be determined by a reasonable period of time for consumption of the item and subject to review by the issuing officer...In those facilities where inmates are housed in “multiple occupancy housing units” and toilet paper is maintained in a communal toilet room, the issuing officer will ensure that adequate replenishment is made for the room rather than to the individual inmates. |
| Admin Code | <a href="#">N.Y. Comp. Codes R. &amp; Regs. Tit. 9 § 7612.5 – Personal health care items</a> | “In addition to subdivision (a) of this section, all female prisoners shall be provided at facility expense with necessary feminine hygiene items in order to provide for the special hygiene needs of females. All feminine hygiene items shall be stored and dispensed in a manner sufficient to ensure that they are sanitary.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

| Rule Type | Citation                                                                      | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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|           |                                                                               | (c) All personal health care items issued pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (b) of this section shall be replenished or replaced as needed.”                                                                                   |
| Handbook  | <a href="#">Albion Correctional Facility Orientation Manual</a>               | On the fourth Saturday of each month, the following supplies are issued...2 twelve packs of sanitary napkins...Inmates who require more than the standard issue of sanitary napkins will need authorization from medical. p.9 |
| Handbook  | <a href="#">Bedford Hills Correctional Facility Inmate Orientation Manual</a> | Toilet paper, sanitary napkins, soap, and toothpaste are delivered to each unit once a month and are distributed to each offender. You are responsible for monitoring these supplies so they last the full month. p.38        |

## North Carolina

### *Numbers*

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 2,511 |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 2.8%  |

### *Facilities*

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|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Anson Correctional Institution</a>        | <a href="#">Western Correctional Center for Women</a> |
| <a href="#">NC Correctional Institution for Women</a> |                                                       |

### *Rules*

| Rule Type | Citation                               | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-----------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Law       | <a href="#">NC Gen Stat § 148-25.1</a> | Menstrual products. – Products that women use during their menstrual cycle. These include tampons and sanitary napkins.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Law       | <a href="#">NC Gen Stat § 148-25.4</a> | Access to Menstrual Products. – The Department of Public Safety and the administrator of the correctional facility shall ensure that sufficient menstrual products are available at the correctional facility for all female incarcerated persons who have an active menstrual cycle. Female incarcerated persons who menstruate shall be provided menstrual products as needed at no cost to the female incarcerated person. |

## North Dakota

### *Numbers*

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 243  |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 0.3% |

### *Facilities*

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#"><u>Dakota Women's Correctional Rehab Center</u></a> | <a href="#"><u>Heart River Correctional Center</u></a> |
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### *Rules*

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                  | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                     |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DoC Policy | <a href="#"><u>ND Correctional Facility Standards</u></a> | Correctional facilities shall provide each inmate with access to toilet paper and feminine hygiene products (if applicable) upon admission to the facility. |

## Ohio

### Numbers

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 3,851 |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 4.2%  |

### Facilities

|                                                       |                                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Dayton Correctional Institution (DCI)</a> | <a href="#">Northeast Reintegration Center (NERC)</a> |
| <a href="#">Franklin Medical Center (FMC)</a>         | <a href="#">Ohio Reformatory for Women (ORW)</a>      |

### Rules

| Rule Type | Citation                                  | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Law       | <a href="#">Ohio Rev. Code § 5120.631</a> | <p>(3) “Feminine hygiene products” means tampons and sanitary napkins that are used for the menstrual cycle...</p> <p>(B) Each state correctional institution housing female inmates shall provide inmates experiencing a menstrual cycle with an adequate supply based on individualized need, in perpetuity and without reprimand, of feminine hygiene products in a variety of sizes at no cost to the inmates.</p> <p>(C) Each state correctional institution housing female inmates shall have a written policy and procedure in place that does all of the following:</p> <p>(1) Protects inmates from the denial of feminine hygiene products based on race, sex, income status, degree of charge, disability status, or any other type of discriminatory identity;</p> <p>(2) Establishes proper methods of storing, administering, and disposing of feminine hygiene products;</p> <p>(3) Establishes sanitary and safe procedures for hand washing and cleaning of surfaces between restrooms and the designated area for disposal bins.</p> <p>(D) Each state correctional institution housing female inmates shall provide a separate disposal container with a lid in a safe, designated area for use by inmates experiencing a menstrual cycle within the institution to dispose of used, soiled, or damaged feminine hygiene products.</p> <p>(E) Except when the state correctional institution is experiencing an emergency, no state correctional institution housing female inmates shall deny inmates access to feminine hygiene products.</p> <p>(F) Except when the state correctional institution is experiencing an emergency, each state</p> |

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                                           | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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|            |                                                                                    | correctional institution housing female inmates shall provide inmates experiencing menstruation a minimum of one shower per day with access to hot water for washing, regardless of whether the inmates are separated from the general population for disciplinary status.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Admin Code | <a href="#">Ohio Admin. Code 5120-9-09 – Limited privilege housing assignments</a> | Inmates placed in a limited privilege housing assignment shall receive, at a minimum, the following privileges:<br>(1) Personal hygiene articles including, at a minimum, one ADA (American dental association) approved toothbrush, ADA approved toothpaste, ADA approved dental floss, feminine hygiene products for female inmates and soap, unless there is imminent danger that the inmate or any other inmate will destroy an item or induce self-injury. Personally owned deodorant, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, floss, and hairbrush/comb shall be permitted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Admin Code | <a href="#">Ohio Admin. Code 5120-9-10 – Restrictive housing assignments</a>       | Inmates placed in restrictive housing placements shall receive the following cell privileges...Personal hygiene articles, including, at minimum, a toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine hygiene products for female inmates and soap                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| DoC Policy | <a href="#">OH DoC 61-PRP-02 – Incarcerated Person Clothing Issue</a>              | Reception Center Issue for Females...All female Ips in reception shall be provided, at no charge, as many sanitary napkins/tampons they require. These items shall be readily available to women 24/7 and shall be kept in an area that is accessible without having to ask staff for access. Those in a celled environment who may be secured in their cells for longer periods of time shall have access to a supply of sanitary napkins/tampons during out of cell time without having to ask staff for access. They shall be allowed to take as many of the items as they require back to their cell. If the IP does not wish to leave their cell or runs out of sanitary napkins/tampons, additional sanitary napkins/tampons shall be provided at any time a female IP requests. Each female facility shall also include information on their specific procedures for feminine hygiene products in their facility orientation handbook and orientation materials provided to the incarcerated population...(2 boxes) Sanitary Napkins and/or Tampons...Parent Institution Issue for Females...Northeast Reintegration Center (NERC)...All female Ips at any facility shall be provided, at no charge, as many sanitary napkins/tampons they require. These |

| Rule Type | Citation                                                   | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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|           |                                                            | <p>items shall be readily available to female Ips 24/7 and shall be kept in an area that is accessible without having to ask staff for access. Those in a celled environment who may be secured in their cells for longer periods of time shall have access to a supply of sanitary napkins/tampons during out of cell time without having to ask staff for access. They shall be allowed to take as many of the items as they require back to their cell. If the IP does not wish to leave their cell or runs out of sanitary napkins/tampons, additional sanitary napkins/tampons shall be provided at any time a female IP request. Each female facility shall also include information on their specific procedures for feminine hygiene products in their facility orientation handbook and orientation materials provided to the incarcerated population...(2 boxes) Sanitary Napkins and/or Tampons</p> |
| Handbook  | <a href="#">Ohio Reformatory for Women Inmate Handbook</a> | <p>The hygiene kit contains...sanitary napkins. p.52<br/>The following personal items are permitted in reasonable amounts...sanitary napkins...and tampons. p.53-54</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

## Oklahoma

### Numbers

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 2,201 |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 2.4%  |

### Facilities

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#"><u>Dr. Eddie Warrior Correctional Center (EWCC)</u></a> | <a href="#"><u>Mabel Bassett Correctional Center (MBCC)</u></a> |
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### Rules

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                                  | Excerpt                                                                                                               |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DoC Policy | <a href="#"><u>OK DoC OP-030501 – Personal Hygiene and Appearance</u></a> | At a minimum, items available through the canteen or to indigent inmates will be...Sanitary napkins/tampons (females) |

## Oregon

### Numbers

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 901  |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 1.0% |

### Facilities

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| <a href="#">Coffee Creek Correctional Facility</a> |  |
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### Rules

| Rule Type | Citation                              | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Law       | <a href="#">OR Rev Stat § 169.635</a> | <p>Regional correctional facilities shall make available tampons, sanitary pads, postpartum pads and panty liners at no cost to all prisoners for use in connection with vaginal discharge. Facilities shall maintain a sufficient supply, which shall be stored, dispensed and disposed of in a sanitary manner. The supply of products available shall include at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Regular absorbent and super absorbent tampons;</li> <li>(2) Regular absorbent and super absorbent sanitary pads;</li> <li>(3) Postpartum pads; and</li> <li>(4) Regular absorbent panty liners.</li> </ul> |

## Pennsylvania

### Numbers

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 2,125 |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 2.3%  |

### Facilities

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <a href="#">SCI Cambridge Springs</a> | <a href="#">SCI Muncy</a> |
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### Rules

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                                                                           | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Law        | <a href="#">61 PA Cons Stat § 5910</a>                                                                             | <p>(a) Issuance of feminine hygiene products relating to menstruation.—A supply of feminine hygiene products shall be provided to all incarcerated individuals and detainees who are menstruating in a correctional institution each month at no cost to the incarcerated individuals and detainees, regardless of financial means. Incarcerated individuals and detainees shall not be required to show proof of need or to undergo a medical examination or obtain a medical permit, authorization or diagnosis to receive the products under subsection (b).</p> <p>(b) Feminine hygiene products provided.—A choice of at least two sizes or absorbencies of sanitary pads shall be distributed to all incarcerated individuals and detainees who are menstruating in a correctional institution or if requested from medical staff.</p> <p>(c) Feminine hygiene products to be requested.—A choice of at least two sizes of tampons shall be distributed to incarcerated individuals and detainees who request a tampon from medical staff...</p> <p>(f) Rules and regulations.—The correctional institution shall promulgate rules necessary to implement and enforce the provisions of this section.</p> <p>(g) Definition.—As used in this section, the term “feminine hygiene products” means products that women use during menstruation. The term includes tampons and sanitary napkins.</p> |
| DoC Policy | <a href="#">PA DoC Policy DC-ADM 815 – Personal Property, State Issued Items, and Commissary/Outside Purchases</a> | During the reception process, the following basic issue items will be furnished...Females/Trans Women Only...Feminine Hygiene products (Sanitary Napkins and Tampons)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

## Rhode Island

### Numbers

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 131  |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 0.1% |

### Facilities

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| <a href="#">Gloria McDonald Women's Facility</a> |  |
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### Rules

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                                        | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| DoC Policy | <a href="#">RI DoC Policy 18.47-3</a><br><a href="#">DOC – Personal Hygiene</a> | Inmates who are initially committed or indigent (unable to afford personal hygiene items) will be provided the following personal hygiene items...Sanitary napkins and tampons are provided for all female inmates (Women's Facilities) |

## South Carolina

### *Numbers*

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 1,220 |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 1.3%  |

### *Facilities*

|                                                                   |                                                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Graham (Camille Griffin) Correctional Institution</a> | <a href="#">Leath Correctional Institution</a> |
| <a href="#">Goodman Correctional Institutional</a>                |                                                |

### *Rules*

| Rule Type | Citation                           | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Law       | <a href="#">SC Code § 24-13-35</a> | Correctional facilities, local detention facilities, and prison or work camps must ensure that sufficient menstrual hygiene products are available at each facility for all women under their care who have an active menstrual cycle. Indigent inmates must be provided the hygiene products at no cost. |

## South Dakota

### *Numbers*

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 575  |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 0.6% |

### *Facilities*

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|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">South Dakota Women's Prison</a> | <a href="#">Pierre Minimum Center</a> |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|

### *Rules*

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                   | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                        |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DoC Policy | <a href="#">SD DoC 500-02 – Offender Personal Property</a> | Commissary Items...Panty Liner/Pad (20Ct)...Allowed Quantity...Facility Custody Level II -1, Facility Custody Level III – 1, Facility Custody Level IV & V – 1 |

## Tennessee

### Numbers

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 2,391 |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 2.6%  |

### Facilities

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|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Bledsoe County Correctional Complex</a>    | <a href="#">Women's Therapeutic Residential Center</a> |
| <a href="#">Debra K. Johnson Rehabilitation Center</a> |                                                        |

### Rules

| Rule Type | Citation                            | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Law       | <a href="#">TN Code § 41-21-206</a> | “Healthcare products” includes: (A) Feminine hygiene products...A custodian shall make healthcare products available to all women incarcerated in a state correctional facility at no cost and in a quantity that is appropriate to the needs of the woman without a medical permit. Custodians shall not require that a woman be diagnosed with an illness to access healthcare products. Custodians shall make healthcare products available in housing units and in the medical area of a state correctional facility. |

## Texas

### Numbers

|                                      |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 12,179 |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 13.4%  |

### Facilities

|                                               |                                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Gregory S. Coleman Unit</a>       | <a href="#">Marlin Unit</a>                      |
| <a href="#">Christina Melton Crain Unit</a>   | <a href="#">Dr. Lane Murray Unit</a>             |
| <a href="#">East Texas Treatment Facility</a> | <a href="#">Patrick L. O'Daniel Unit</a>         |
| <a href="#">Ellen Halbert Unit</a>            | <a href="#">Lucile Plane Unit</a>                |
| <a href="#">Dempsey Henley Unit</a>           | <a href="#">Skyview Unit</a>                     |
| <a href="#">Hilltop Unit</a>                  | <a href="#">Linda Woodman Unit</a>               |
| <a href="#">William P. Hobby Unit</a>         | <a href="#">Carole S. Young Medical Facility</a> |
| <a href="#">Hospital Galveston</a>            |                                                  |

### Rules

| Rule Type | Citation                                | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Law       | <a href="#">TX Govt Code § 501.0675</a> | PROVISION OF FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS. (a) In this section, “feminine hygiene product” means: (1) a regular or large size tampon with applicator; (2) a regular or large size sanitary napkin or menstrual pad with wings; (3) a regular size panty liner; or (4) any other similar item sold for the principal purpose of feminine hygiene in connection with the menstrual cycle. (b) On request of a female inmate, the department shall provide free of charge to the inmate up to 10 feminine hygiene products per day that comply with applicable federal standards for comfort, effectiveness, and safety. |
| Law       | <a href="#">TX Govt Code § 501.0515</a> | The department shall establish procedures to be used during the regularly scheduled transportation of female inmates for nonemergency medical care to The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston or another medical facility that provides medical services for inmates. The procedures must ensure that...buses used to transport female inmates are equipped with bathrooms and have an adequate supply of toilet paper and feminine hygiene products as defined by Section 501.0675 for the inmates being transported                                                                                  |

## Utah

### Numbers

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 473  |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 0.5% |

### Facilities

|                                                  |                                                             |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Utah State Correctional Facility</a> | <a href="#">Orange Street Community Correctional Center</a> |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|

### Rules

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                        |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DoC Policy | <a href="#">UT DoC Procedure FD15 – Indigent Status</a> | Subject to security restrictions, inmates approved for indigent status may receive...feminine hygiene items (female inmates only).                                             |
| Handbook   | <a href="#">UT DoC Statewide Handbook</a>               | Females are provided with unlimited feminine hygiene products (pads and tampons) at no cost. Feminine hygiene products are readily available in all female housing units. p.32 |

## Vermont

### *Numbers*

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 117  |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 0.1% |

### *Facilities*

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| <a href="#">Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility (CRCF)</a> |  |
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### *Rules*

| Rule Type | Citation                                                                  | Excerpt                                                                                                                                            |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Handbook  | <a href="#">Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility Inmate Handbook</a> | Inmate Allowable Property Matrix...Sanitary Napkins/Tampons...One month's supply...Commissary purchase except indigent inmates. Females only. p.26 |

## Virginia

### Numbers

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 1,897 |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 2.1%  |

### Facilities

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| <a href="#">Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women</a> | <a href="#">Chesterfield Women's CCAP</a> |
| <a href="#">Virginia Correctional Center for Women</a> |                                           |

### Rules

| Rule Type               | Citation                                                                                                                              | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Law<br>(Uncodified Act) | <a href="#">CHAPTER 815 – An Act to require the provision of feminine hygiene products at no cost to female prisoners or inmates.</a> | Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:<br>§ 1. The State Board of Corrections shall adopt and implement a standard to ensure the provision of feminine hygiene products to female inmates without charge.<br>§ 2. The Director of the Department of Corrections shall adopt and implement a policy and procedure to ensure the provision of feminine hygiene products to female prisoners without charge. |

## Washington

### Numbers

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 915  |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 1.0% |

### Facilities

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| <a href="#">Washington Corrections Center for Women (WCCW)</a> |  |
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### Rules

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                                                            | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Admin Code | <a href="#">Wash. Admin. Code § 137-55-030 – Acquisition of items</a>                               | (1) All offenders incarcerated within department of corrections facilities shall be responsible for the acquisition and replenishment of personal hygiene items after the initial issuance of those items at the reception center.<br>(2) Initial issuance of personal hygiene items shall include the department's issuance of the following items to individual offenders...State issued sanitary napkins will be made available to female offenders on an as needed basis without charge. |
| DoC Policy | <a href="#">WA DoC Policy DOC 940.080 – HYGIENE AND GROOMING FOR INDIVIDUALS IN WOMEN'S PRISONS</a> | Hygiene Items...State-issued sanitary napkins and tampons will be maintained in the living units/pods and available to individuals at any time, at no cost...The request/issuance of these items will not be monitored.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

## West Virginia

### Numbers

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 619  |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 0.7% |

### Facilities

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|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Anthony Correctional Center</a>          | <a href="#">Tygart Valley Regional Jail and Correctional Facility</a> |
| <a href="#">Beckley Correctional Center and Jail</a> | <a href="#">Charleston Correctional Center and Jail</a>               |
| <a href="#">Lakin Correctional Center and Jail</a>   |                                                                       |

### Rules

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                                                                         | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Admin Code | <a href="#">W. Va. Code R. § 95-2-13 – Sanitation and Hygiene</a>                                                | 13.9. Personal Hygiene Articles. Procedures shall require that articles necessary for maintaining proper personal hygiene are provided to all inmates including, but not limited to, toothpaste, a toothbrush, soap, towels, three razors per month, shaving cream, a comb and when applicable, feminine hygiene articles. Other personal hygiene materials shall be offered for sale in the commissary at wholesale cost, including products requested and used by black inmates. |
| DoC Policy | <a href="#">WV DoC Policy Directive 400.03 – Inmate’s Property (Personal and State-Issued)</a>                   | Approved Property Items for Jails...Female Inmates Only...Tampons and/or feminine hygiene pads, limit 2, boxes or packages, either state-issued or personal purchase p.9-10<br>Approved Property Items for Prisons & Community Corrections Facilities...Female Inmates Only...Feminine Hygiene Pads or Tampons, limit 2 boxes p.17-19                                                                                                                                              |
| DoC Policy | <a href="#">WV DoC Policy Directive 334.01 – Grooming &amp; Personal Hygiene Standards for Inmates/Residents</a> | 1. C. Inmates and residents will be provided the following basic personal hygiene items by the facility at no expense to the inmate or resident. Operational procedures will define the replacement schedule and procedures for issuance. Additional hygiene items may be available for purchase through the commissary...8. Both tampons and feminine hygiene pads.                                                                                                               |

## Wisconsin

### Numbers

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|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 1,514 |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 1.7%  |

### Facilities

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| <a href="#">Taycheedah Correctional Institution</a>   | <a href="#">Robert E. Ellsworth Correctional Center</a> |
| <a href="#">Milwaukee Women's Correctional Center</a> |                                                         |

### Rules

| Rule Type  | Citation                                                                    | Excerpt                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| DoC Policy | <a href="#">WI DoC Policy 309.24.01 – Personal Hygiene and Hairdressing</a> | Soap, toilet tissue, clothing and feminine hygiene items shall be made available when needed.                                                                                                               |
| Handbook   | <a href="#">Taycheedah Correctional Institution Inmate Handbook</a>         | Soap, toilet tissue, dental and feminine hygiene items are made available and highly recommended to be used daily. p.9<br>Feminine hygiene items and sanitary bags are available in each housing unit. p.10 |

## Wyoming

### *Numbers*

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Incarcerated women                   | 256  |
| Proportion of all incarcerated women | 0.3% |

### *Facilities*

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|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Wyoming Women's Center</a> | <a href="#">Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp</a> |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|

### *Rules*

None found.

## Appendix B – Methodology

### Laws

This research relied on [Legiscan.com](https://legiscan.com) – a free tool which allows users to search for any bill in current or previous sessions for all states and the federal government with the terms ‘women,’ ‘prison,’ and ‘hygiene.’ Updates to the compendium were found by searching in all jurisdictions for bills that passed with those terms in the most recent, completed legislative session.

### Administrative Codes

The Cornell Law School Legal Information Institute has [compiled the administrative code](#) for every state in a single location. Their search function also allows for using the same search terms (‘women,’ ‘prison,’ and ‘hygiene’) within all these codes at once. They also allow for searching within the Code of Federal Regulations (e-CFR), which are the regulations for the federal government. Searches included the terms, “women” and “menstruation,” “menstrual,” or “feminine hygiene.”

### Internal Correctional Policies

Some departments of correction also have their own internal policies which are separate from the administrative code. Every department of correction website was searched for these policies, with help from the Prison Policy Initiative’s [compiled links](#) to many of them. Where these policies were found, any provisions on issued items, personal property, and hygiene or grooming were checked for any reference to menstrual product provision in prison. At the federal level, the Bureau of Prisons also has internal policies on [Inmate and Custody Management](#) that were searched in the same way.

### Handbooks

Because some handbooks allow for searching the text while others do not, all handbooks were skimmed in their entirety for mentions of the provision of menstrual products. Particular attention was paid to sections on allowed personal property, state-supplied items, and hygiene or grooming. If a handbook mentioned menstrual products but did not discuss their provision, it was not counted. A simple Google query was used to find all handbooks available online, with the setup “[facility or jurisdiction name] inmate handbook.” Some handbooks that are not available online had already been obtained through previous FOIA requests (such as those for NY state facilities). Handbooks that mentioned menstrual products but not how residents were supposed to get them were not counted. Handbooks mentioning ‘personal hygiene supplies’ or

‘toiletries’ in general were not counted. Handbooks were only counted if they explicitly mentioned menstrual products and how residents were supposed to access them.

## Facilities

The federal government [lists all facilities housing women](#) in a single location, with links to each prison website. Every state department of correction lists its facilities, but not all of them clarify which facilities house women. Performing a basic Google search of the facility provided news or official documents from the last five years which made this clear.