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INMATE BULLETIN

Legal Calls

Per Program Statement 5264.08, Inmate Telephone Regulations, the Warden may not apply frequency limitations on inmate telephone calls to attorneys when the inmate demonstrates that communication with attorneys by correspondence, visiting, or normal telephone use is not adequate. The Bureau provides each inmate with several methods to maintain confidential contact with his or her attorney including: inmate-attorney correspondence is covered under the special mail provisions; private inmate-attorney visits are provided; and the inmate is afforded the opportunity to place an occasional unmonitored call to his or her attorney.

Based on these provisions, frequent confidential inmate attorney calls should be allowed only when an inmate demonstrates communication with his or her attorney by other means is not adequate. For example, when the inmate or the inmate's attorney can demonstrate an imminent court deadline (see Program Statements Inmate Correspondence or Inmate Legal Activities).

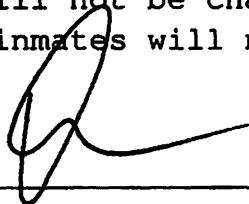
Staff are to make reasonable efforts to verify unmonitored calls placed on an inmate's behalf are to an attorney's office. **Inmates are responsible for the expense of unmonitored attorney telephone calls.** When possible, it is preferred inmates place unmonitored legal calls collect. Third-party or three-way calls are not authorized.

The current telephone rates are based on per minute usage:

- Direct Dial Local Calls \$.06
- Direct Dial Long Distance \$.23
- Direct Dial Canada \$.35
- Direct Dial Mexico \$.55
- Direct Dial International \$.99

Beginning January 10, 2022,

- Inmates will fill out a BP-199, form at the time a legal call is scheduled. Their account will be charged at the end of the call. If an inmate refuses to sign the BP-199, their commissary account will be encumbered for the full amount of the call.
- Inmates will not be charged for Court appearances
- Indigent inmates will not be charged for unmonitored legal calls.



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Date