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To: Sheriffs / Jail Administrators

**RE: Jail Standards and Updated Oklahoma Statutes**

The link to [Jail Standards and Related Laws](#) contain updated Oklahoma Statutes as they relate to jail facilities. The Oklahoma Jail Standards "Rules" (OAC 310:670-1-1 *et seq.*) **have not** changed. The Jail Standards were last revised in July of 2005. We have discovered, however, that there are some versions in the jails that do not contain the latest information. For that reason, we are sending this letter so that everyone has, and uses, the most current version available.

The following amendments to statutes were identified since our last publication in 2005:

- Title 19, Section 514.4 (HB 3242, 2010) relating to authorization to contract to collect failure-to-pay warrants, and Section 515.5 relating to a change in the administrative cost of collection of such warrants to thirty percent (30%).
- Title 57, Section 4.1 (SB 854, 2011) relating to administration of medications in a jail and impact of opiate or methadone withdrawal symptoms that may occur in regard to the mental and physical health of the prisoner.
- Title 57, Section 20 (HB 1382, 2011), relating to credits for a convict's work.
- Title 57, Section 21 (HB 1064, 2009), relating to contraband.
- Title 57, Section 21(F) (HB 2364, 2012), which provides the following: *Any electronic communication device which has no identifiable owner and which is seized as a result of a violation of this section may be disposed of or sold by the agency that seized the device.*
- Title 57, Section 37(D) (HB 3336, 2008), relating to the date the Department of Corrections shall be responsible for the cost of housing the inmate in the county jail.
- Title 57, Section 38.3 (HB 3336, 2008), relating to responsibility for reimbursement of health care providers.

Please replace **all** Jail Standards that you currently have with the copy you print from the web. Distribute the current version to your staff. If you have any questions or are unable to print from the links listed above, please email [Cindy Cole](#) or call (405) 271-3912. If you have changes in administration personnel, e-mail addresses, facility phone numbers or mailing address, please notify us by e-mail.

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