



CHAIRMAN'S MEMORANDUM

NO. 15-98

August 12, 1998

TO: SHERIFFS, JAIL ADMINISTRATORS, COMMISSIONERS OF CORRECTION, NEW YORK CITY WARDENS

RE: AMENDMENTS TO MINIMUM STANDARDS

The Commission has amended Parts 7006, Discipline, and 7008, Visitation. Replacement pages are enclosed. Please remove the corresponding pages from the set of minimum standards that were sent to you under Chairman's Memo #1-98 (dated March 31, 1998) and replace them with the enclosed pages. The amendments are effective August 12, 1998 and are briefly summarized below.

Section 7006.9(a) was amended to add another disciplinary sanction that may be imposed upon inmates who are found to have violated facility rules. Under the change, an inmate found guilty of misbehavior may have up to one hour of visitation per week taken away, or modified to non-contact visits, for a number of weeks consistent with the facility's rules of inmate conduct. Pursuant to section 7006.3 of the minimum standards, your facility rule book should be amended prior to implementation of this new sanction so that inmates know the number of weeks their visitation may be restricted for particular offenses. A conforming change was made to section 7008.3.

The Commission believes this new sanction will be an effective tool to manage inmate behavior. We encourage you, however, to utilize principles of progressive discipline when implementing this sanction. For example, restriction of contact visits to non-contact visits may be sufficient to modify an inmate's behavior in most cases.

The Commission continues to work with local correctional facility administrators to implement other changes to the minimum standards.

Alan J. Croce, Chairman/Commissioner

