

CONTRACEPTION FOR WOMEN PRISONERS

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jennifer Dailey-Provost

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires that jails must continue to allow female prisoners access to contraceptives.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

► provides that jails must provide women prisoners with the option of continuing any medically prescribed method of contraception.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

17-22-8, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 64

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **17-22-8** is amended to read:

17-22-8. Care of prisoners -- Funding of services -- Private contractor.

(1) Except as provided in Subsection (3), the sheriff shall:

(a) receive all persons committed to jail by competent authority;



28 (b) provide [~~them~~] all prisoners with necessary food, clothing, and bedding in the
29 manner prescribed by the county legislative body; [~~and~~]

30 (c) provide medical care when:

31 (i) the [~~person's~~] prisoner's symptoms evidence a serious disease or injury;

32 (ii) the [~~person's~~] prisoner's disease or injury is curable or may be substantially
33 alleviated; and

34 (iii) the potential for harm to the [~~person~~] prisoner by reason of delay or the denial of
35 medical care would be substantial; and

36 (d) provide female prisoners as part of the intake process with the option of continuing
37 any medically prescribed method of contraception.

38 (2) The expense incurred in providing these services to prisoners shall be paid from the
39 county treasury, except as provided in Section [17-22-10](#).

40 (3) If the county executive contracts with a private contractor to provide the services
41 required by this section, the sheriff shall provide only those services required of him by the
42 contract between the county and the private contractor.