

As of July 1, 2011, the following channels will be available for viewing in DOC's institutions:

NASA/Backup Channel	TBS
In-House Movie Channel	FOX News
ABC	CNN
CBS	Bloomberg Television
NBC	Cartoon Network (E)
FOX	Cartoon Network (W)
PBS	Cooking Channel
ESPN	C-Span2
ESPN-2	Telefutura
ESPN News	Hallmark Movie Channel
ESPN Classic	HLN
ESPNU	HSN
EWTN	Nicktoons Network
BET – Black Entertainment Television	Oxygen
Galavision – Spanish	QVC
Univision – Spanish	RFD-TV
TBN – Trinity Broadcast Network	ShopNBC
Discovery	Weather Channel
TLC	Public Interest Channels
USA	Sirius Satellite Radio (WCCF only)
TNT	Oprah

Inmate Satellite TV Changes

Frequently Asked Questions

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Q. Where do Inmate Welfare Funds come from?

A. The Inmate Welfare Fund consists of revenue from the commissary sales, phones, vending machines in the visiting areas, fine collection and confiscated funds. No taxpayer money goes to the inmate welfare fund.

Q. What determined the new channel lineup?

A. With the goal of providing view packages that can be financially sustained, the lineup was based on the most popular programming available to the inmate population.

Q. Why not just use antennae reception for free programming?

A. With institutions spread across the State, there would be inconsistent reception and channel options. Some institutions may not receive any reception at all. The current plan allows for consistency across the State.

Q. What is the Inmate Welfare Fund used for?

A. The Inmate Welfare Fund pays for alcohol and drug treatment programs, education programs, and inmate activities that are not paid for from taxpayer dollars.

Q. How is the cost of providing satellite TV determined?

A. The cost is based on the number of TVs connected and receiving programming. As the number of TV ownership increases, the cost of providing programming increases.

Q. Will there be opportunities to change the “bundle” of channels to include those currently not on the line-up?

A. Currently we are working with the Departments contract unit to discuss what flexibility we do have to modify the channels chosen based upon the current contract.

Q. Can an inmate return their TV for a refund?

A. When an inmate orders an item and it is received by DOC, it is engraved with the inmates SID number. Once this engraving process takes place, an item cannot be re-sold as a “new product” and no refunds will be allowed.

Q. Are the inmates allowed to grieve the changes to the satellite TV programming?

A. The decision to change the satellite television programming was a policy decision based on reduced revenue to the Inmate Welfare Fund, and the impact that would have on inmate treatment and educational and recreational programming. Additionally, in reviewing the Departments OAR regarding the Grievance Review System (OAR 109), there is no misapplication of administrative directive or operational procedures, therefore this action cannot be grieved by an inmate.

Q. Could an inmate choose to pay each month for his/her own satellite TV package?

A. The satellite TV contract does not have the flexibility or capability to provide a system of “mix and match” channel packages. The package chosen was based off the most popular programming available and with the goal of providing the most number of channels over a sustained period of time.