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SUBJECT: CHANGING RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION OR PREFERENCE

- A. An inmate may request a change of religious affiliation by submitting a change of religious affiliation form to the Chaplain.
- B. An inmate may change the designation of "none" to a specific faith, sect or denomination at anytime with the understanding that he/she will demonstrate sincerity through the practice of the new religion by attendance and participation in the religious activities. Any religion that is detrimental to the security and good order of the unit will not be recognized by the Arkansas Department of Correction. In such situations, the inmates' designation will be listed as "other".
- C. The Chaplain shall acknowledge the change of religious affiliation request and submit a copy of the approved religious affiliation form to Records Supervisor to be placed in the inmate's records file and in eOMIS. If the religion requires and if the inmate requests a religious diet, it will be provided within the provision of AD 06-12.

If an inmate abuses the Special Religious Diet, disciplinary action may result and removal from the Special Diet list will result. Abuse includes, but is not limited to, refusal to eat the Special Religious Diet food, eating foods from the regular diet line, and purchasing commissary items not allowed on the Special Religious Diet. Such abuse will result in forfeiture of any religious diet for a period of twelve (12) months. The decision to remove an inmate rests with the Chaplain and Warden.

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RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION UPDATE

INMATE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADC # \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT \_\_\_\_\_

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, OF MY OWN FREE WILL, DO HEREBY STATE THAT MY RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION BE CHANGED FROM

\_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_, WHICH I

HEREBY STATE, IS MY RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION AS OF NOW.

This religion does {} does not {} require a Special Religious Diet. The specific dietary requirements (ex. pork free) are as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I FORMALLY REQUEST THAT A COPY OF THIS UPDATE BE PLACED IN MY INSTITUTIONAL JACKET AND THAT ALL NECESSARY RECORDS INDICATING MY RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION BE CORRECTED ACCORDINGLY.

I acknowledge that if I abuse this Religious Diet, disciplinary action may result and that I will be removed from the Special Diet list. Abuse includes, but is not limited to, refusal to eat the Special Religious Diet food, eating foods from the regular diet line, and/or purchasing commissary items not allowed on the Special Religious Diet.

Such abuse will result in my forfeiture of any religious diet for a period of twelve (12) months. The decision to remove me rests with the Chaplain and Warden.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Inmate's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chaplain's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

(Rel Aff Update)

Cc: Records  
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SUBJECT: DIET

An inmate may abstain from those food items served to the general population, which are prohibited by the religion of the inmate. The inmate will receive approved substitute food items, which will not violate his/her religious restrictions.

The Chaplain, in cooperation with the Unit Warden/Center Supervisor and Administrator of Religious Services, shall arrange opportunities for the observance of occasional or annual religious requirements or practices of a religious faith. This may include fasting, diet and worship. Food for such observances will be obtained, served and eaten in accordance with unit policies. The approved free world sponsor must initiate a request for specific observance of a religious holy day.

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