

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE HOSPITALS
UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST
CONTRABAND DISPOSITION**

California Code of Regulations
Title 9. Rehabilitative and Developmental Services
Division 1. Department of Mental Health
Chapter 16. State Hospitals Operations
Article 3. Safety and Security

The Notice of Proposed Action, published on May 2, 2025, outlined the details regarding a scheduled public hearing, which was held on June 24, 2025. The 45-day comment period to consider the proposed rulemaking closed on June 16, 2025. After the conclusion of the 45-day comment period and the public hearing, the Department considered all timely and relevant comments received.

After the June 24, 2025, public hearing, the Department proposed modifications to the originally proposed regulations text which was noticed to the public from September 30, 2025, to October 15, 2025. No additional comments were submitted.

The summary of the changes made to the regulatory text are as follows:

- Section 4354, subdivision (e) clarified the definition of Religious or Spiritual Item(s).
- Section 4354, References Cited added “-s” to the end of “Section” for grammatical purposes.
- Section 4354.1, subdivision (a) added 30-calendar day minimum to clarify the holding period.
- Section 4354.1, subdivision (c)(1) reorganized content from section 4354.1, subdivision (a)(1) to streamline readability.
- Section 4354.1, subdivision (e) added specific California Code of Regulations section for clarity.
- Section 4354.1, subdivision (f) updated to clarify the Chaplin will advise on a disposition method for religious or spiritual items.
- Section 4354.1, subdivision (e) added non-substantial change from “pursuant to Section 4350” to “as defined in Section 4350” for uniformity.

The Department has not added data or technical, theoretical or empirical studies, reports, or similar documents since the initial Notice of Public Availability on May 2, 2025. There were no other changes in the laws related to the proposed action or to the effect of the proposed regulation from the laws and effects described in the Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action.