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Inmate Phone Rates Reduced

PIERRE, S.D. – The cost of phone calls has been reduced for state prison inmates and their family and friends.

The South Dakota Department of Corrections has adopted lower per-minute rates for local, in-state long-distance and interstate long-distance calls and eliminated the flat rate per-call connect fees as required by the Federal Communications Commission.

Under the new rate structure, a local call will cost 5 cents per minute regardless of whether the call is placed as a collect call or made through an existing pre-paid debit system. Long-distance collect or pre-paid debit calls will cost 8 cents per minute. International calls will cost 25 cents per minute. Those costs don't include taxes.

“We strongly support efforts for offenders to maintain family and pro-social connections. It's a vital piece of successful re-entry back into society,” said Corrections Secretary Denny Kaemingk.

The lower rates went into effect March 17.

A rate chart is included.

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Our mission is to protect the citizens of South Dakota by providing safe and secure facilities for juvenile and adult offenders committed to our custody by the courts. To provide effective community supervision to offenders upon their release and to utilize evidence-based practices to maximize opportunities for rehabilitation.

Inmate Calling Rate Schedule for State of South Dakota
as of March 17, 2016

<u>Type of Call</u>	<u>Cost Per Minute</u>
Offender Collect Calls	
Local	\$0.05
In-State Long Distance	\$0.08
Out-of-State Long Distance	\$0.08
US Territories- US Virgin Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico	\$0.08
International	\$0.25
Family/Friends Advance Pay	
Local	\$0.05
In-State Long Distance	\$0.08
Out-of-State Long Distance	\$0.08
Canada	\$0.08
US Territories- US Virgin Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico	\$0.08
Other International	\$0.25
Offender Phone Debit	
Local	\$0.05
In-State Long Distance	\$0.08
Out-of-State Long Distance	\$0.08
Canada	\$0.08
US Territories- US Virgin Islands, Guam, Puerto Rico	\$0.08
Other International	\$0.25
Non-US Caribbean	\$0.25
Mexico	\$0.25
Cost does not include tax	