

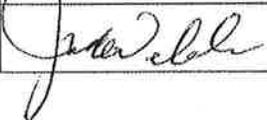
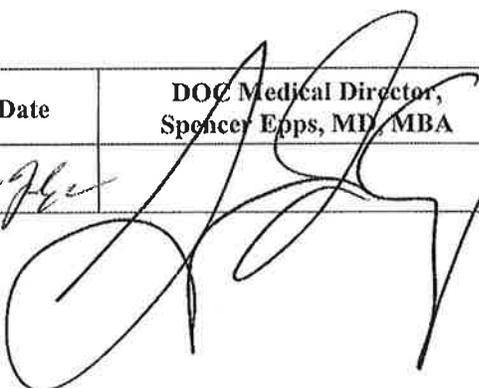
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CHAPTER: 11 BUREAU OF CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES	SUBJECT: COMMUNICATION OF SPECIAL NEEDS PATIENTS	
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APPROVED FOR PUBLIC RELEASE		

- I. AUTHORITY: Bureau of Correctional Healthcare Services
- II. PURPOSE: Special needs of offenders with significant medical, mental health or developmental disabilities are taken into consideration in decisions concerning housing, program assignments, disciplinary measures and admissions to and transfers from the institution.
- III. APPLICABILITY: All Department of Correction (DOC) employees and vendor staff, offenders, and any outside healthcare provider servicing DOC offenders.
- IV. DEFINITIONS: See glossary.
- V. POLICY:
 1. Healthcare staff will assess offenders being admitted or transferring into the facility. The medical and mental health information will be reviewed for special needs that may affect housing, programs, and work assignment. This information will be documented and shared as needed with the facility administration.
 2. Medical and mental health recommendations for housing, program and work participation will be made by the practitioner and health staff and communicated in writing to the Classification Department.
 3. Change in the offender medical or mental health status is communicated in a timely manner to the Classification Department.
 4. Medical and Mental Health staff will advise correctional staff of any medical or mental health problems that could be escalated due to restrictive housing related to disciplinary actions or segregation/isolation.

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5. Special health needs of offenders transferred from the facility will be communicated to the Transportation Department.
6. Every effort is made to protect the confidentiality of specific offender/patient health information.
7. Refer to Policy G-05, Suicide Prevention Policies and Procedures, for information on the Suicide Prevention Program.

Approval:

Date of Policy/Revision	BCHS Bureau Chief, James Welch, RN, HN-BC	Date	DOC Medical Director, Spencer Epps, MD, MBA	Date
7/16/2010		3-7-10		28 July 2010

References:

- National Commission on Correctional Health Care: Standards for Health Services in Prisons, 2008, P-A-08.
- National Commission on Correctional Health Care: Standards for Health Services in Jails, 2008, J-A-08 .
- Performance-Based Standards for Correctional Health Care in Adult Correctional Institutions, First Ed, 2002, 1-HC-3A-06.

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I have reviewed this policy and it is currently being incorporated into BCHS Policy E-12, Continuity of Care.

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