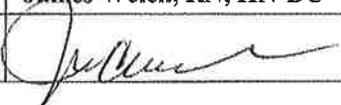
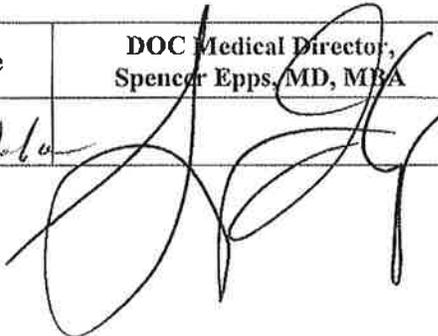


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- I. AUTHORITY: Bureau of Correctional Healthcare Services
- II. PURPOSE: Healthcare is provided with consideration of offender dignity and feelings. Discussion of patient information and clinical encounters are conducted in private and carried out in a manner designed to encourage the patient's subsequent use of health services.
- 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 encounters are carried out in a manner and location that promotes confidentiality within the dictates of security and safety. Whenever possible clinical encounters and discussions occur in private, without being observed or overheard.
 2. Security staff is present during clinical encounters only if the patient poses a probable risk to the safety of the healthcare professional or others.
 3. Security staff or interpreters who may be present during healthcare encounters are informed and educated regarding the need for confidentiality.
 4. A female escort is provided for encounters with female offender/ patient by male healthcare provider.
 5. Refer to policy H-02, Confidentiality of Health Records and Information, for more information on the protection of health information.

Approval:

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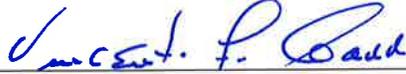
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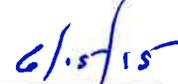
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I have reviewed this policy and it is currently being scheduled for revision



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