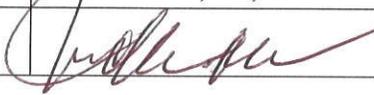
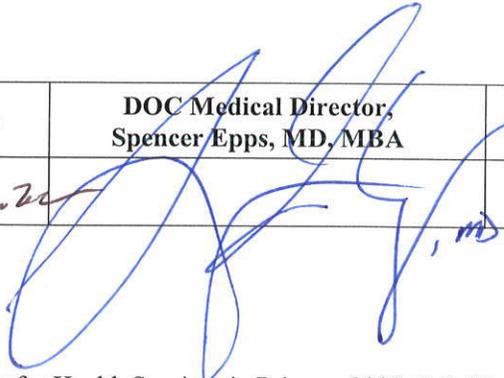


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- I. AUTHORITY: Bureau of Correctional Healthcare Services
- II. PURPOSE: Offenders with communicable diseases have their healthcare needs met, while protecting other offenders and staff from infection.
- III. APPLICABILITY: All Department of Correction (DOC) employees and vendor staff, offenders, and any outside healthcare provider servicing DOC offenders.
- IV. DEFINITIONS: See glossary.
- V. POLICY:
 1. Policies and procedures for isolation of communicable diseases are outlined in the medical vendor's Bloodborne Pathogen and Tuberculosis (TB) Exposure Control Plan.
 2. Offenders requiring respiratory isolation are housed in a room with negative pressure airflow or transferred to a facility that can provide the required isolation.
 3. Standard precautions outlined in the medical vendor's Bloodborne Pathogen and TB Exposure Control Plan are practiced by all healthcare and correctional staff.
 4. Communicable disease, medical isolation issues and/or problems are discussed with facility administration to identify appropriate follow-up for control of the disease.
 5. The Management of biohazardous waste and decontamination of medical and dental equipment is provided according to the guidelines in the medical vendor's Infection Control Manual .

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