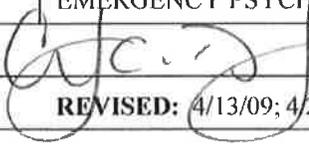


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- I. AUTHORITY: Bureau of Correctional Healthcare Services
- II. PURPOSE: Mental health care in emergency situations where an offender poses an imminent danger to him/herself or others may include administration of emergency psychotropic medication.
- III. APPLICABILITY: All Department of Correction (DOC) employees and vendor staff, offenders, and any outside healthcare provider servicing DOC offenders.
- IV. DEFINITIONS: See policy.
- V. POLICY:
 1. The patient has the right to refuse psychotropic medication except in an emergency situation that represents imminent danger to himself/herself or others.
 2. Health care staff does not forcefully administer psychotropic medications unless a court order exists or a physician has ordered the administration of forced psychotropic medication.
 3. Forced psychotropic medication treatment requires authorization either by a licensed psychiatrist or in consultation with a licensed psychiatrist.
 4. The order for the medication specifies:
 - a. Name and dosage of the medication
 - b. Frequency of dosage
 - c. Route of administration
 - d. Timeframe for the order

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5. Documentation in the health record includes:
 - a. the patient's condition
 - b. the threat posed
 - c. the reason for forcing the medication
 - d. other treatment modalities attempted
 - e. plans for less restrictive treatment alternatives or transfer of the patient as soon as possible
6. Use of involuntary psychotropic mediation is limited to when:
 - a. The patient exhibits an acute or chronic diagnosed mental illness;
 - b. The patient is in imminent danger to self or others; and
 - c. Less restrictive or intrusive measures have been employed or have been judged to be inadequate.
7. A face-to-face assessment by the psychiatrist is required to extend an order for emergency forced psychotropic medications.
8. Healthcare or mental health care staff monitors the patient for adverse reactions and side effects.

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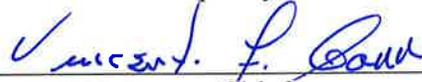
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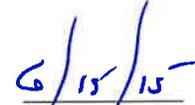
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I have reviewed this policy and it is current.



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