

POLICY OF STATE OF DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION	POLICY NUMBER 8.14	PAGE NUMBER 1 of 1
	RELATED ACA Standards 2-CO-3C-01	
CHAPTER: 8 ADMINISTRATION	SUBJECT: OFFENDER COMMUNICABLE DISEASE	
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I. AUTHORITY: 11 *Del. C.* §6517, §6536

II. PURPOSE: To manage offenders suspected/confirmed of having a communicable disease.

III. APPLICABILITY: All Department employees, volunteers, persons or organizations conducting business with the Department; all offenders under the supervision or custody of the Department.

IV. DEFINITIONS: Communicable Disease - Any serious illness capable of being transmitted to another person.

V. POLICY: It is the policy of the Department of Correction to safely and humanely manage offenders clinically suspected of, or confirmed as, having a communicable disease. Correctional personnel, who have immediate responsibility to transport, guard, supervise, or counsel an offender suspected/confirmed of having a communicable disease will be notified of the necessary health precautions.

Programs and services shall be established by each bureau chief/section manager to provide appropriate treatment while ensuring the safety of both staff and the offender population. The medical contractor will be responsible for identifying offenders suspected/confirmed of having a communicable disease and notifying the facility/office administrator where the offender is housed or supervised. It shall be the responsibility of the facility/office administrator to immediately notify affected staff of the necessary health precautions. In the absence of the facility/office administrator, or in the event of an emergency the medical contractor shall notify the ranking staff member in the facility/office.

Each bureau chief/section manager will develop procedures to implement this policy.

Reference Chapter 11

- B.1.1 Management of TB
- B.1.2 HIV Infected Offenders
- B.1.3 Management of HEP Infected Offenders
- B.1.4 Communicable Disease Practice
- B.1.5 Offender Blood Borne Pathogen Exposure