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Chapter: 500 Health Services		
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POLICY

The Division of Adult Institutions shall recognize the Director of Healthcare Administration as the Responsible Health Authority for the Department of Corrections at the systems level. The Director of Healthcare Administration ensures that the system maintains a coordinated system of healthcare delivery.

The Director of Healthcare Administration shall designate daily facility level operations to the on-site Health Services Manager within DOC Institutions and the designated Nurse Clinician 4 within the Center System for coordination of healthcare delivery at the local level.

REFERENCES

Standards for Health Services in Prisons – National Commission on Correctional Health Care, 2018, P-A-02 Responsible Health Authority

DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS AND FORMS

Advanced Care Provider – Provider with prescriptive authority.

BHS – Bureau of Health Services

Clinical Directors – Physician, psychiatrist, dentist, psychologist, nurse or pharmacist organizationally responsible at a systems level for oversight of clinical operations, quality and coordination of care for their designated area inclusive of facilitating the development of policy and procedures.

Designated Mental Health Clinician – Refers to a psychiatrist, psychologist, or psychiatric social worker who is responsible for clinical mental health issues when mental health services at the facility are under a different authority than medical services.

DOC – Department of Corrections

HSM – Health Services Manager

HSU – Health Services Unit

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NC4 – Nurse Clinician 4 refers to the clinician who has oversight of operations at their designated Centers within the Center System.

Responsible Advanced Care Provider – Designated Advanced Care Provider who has the final authority at a given facility regarding clinical decisions.

PROCEDURE

I. Director of Healthcare Administration:

- A. Is responsible for decisions regarding operational, fiscal, policy and resource matters concerning the delivery of healthcare.
- B. Delegates authority to BHS Clinical Directors who are responsible for healthcare in their area of expertise.
- C. Establishes a mission statement defining the scope of health services.
- D. Develops systems for the coordination of care.
- E. Develops and establishes written agreements and resources to ensure scope of services are provided for the patient population.

II. BHS Clinical Directors

- A. The Medical Director has designated authority for all clinical medical practice decisions requiring medical judgments with delegated authority to the Associate Medical Directors.
- B. The Mental Health Director has delegated authority to plan, direct and implement programs and makes recommendations regarding operational matters concerning the delivery of mental health services with delegated authority to the Psychiatry Director and Psychology Director.
- C. The Dental Director has delegated authority to plan, direct, implement and administer programs and operational matters concerning the delivery of appropriate dental health services for patients with delegated authority to the Associate Dental Directors.
- D. The Pharmacy Director has delegated authority to plan, direct and implement programs and make recommendations regarding the organization and implementation of pharmaceutical care delivery systems and oversight of pharmaceutical dispensing operations.
- E. The Director of Nursing: Has designated authority to plan, direct and implement the professional practice of nursing in the delivery of patient care. Promotes professional nursing practice, patient care delivery that is consistent with nursing scope and standards, evidence-based practice and licensure. May delegate authority to Nursing Coordinators.

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III. Health Services Manager (Institutions) and Nurse Clinician 4 (Centers)

- A. Develops systems for monitoring and measuring care delivery.
- B. Ensures compliance with standards, timeliness and efficiency of care.
- C. Arranges for all levels of healthcare and ensures safe, high- quality, accessible, and timely health services for patients.
- D. Implements corrective action plans for any identified problems, and monitoring the outcomes of any recommended and implemented changes. Works cooperatively with the Clinical Directors and Clinical Supervisors who have responsibility for clinicians in the facility.
- E. Ensures compliance with licensure and/or certification.

IV. Associate Medical Directors

- A. Each facility shall have an assigned Associate Medical Director and Psychological Services Director that are responsible for:
 - 1. Supervising clinical practice of care provided to patients at the facility.
 - 2. Establishing and implementing policies for patient care. Monitoring the appropriateness, timeliness and responsiveness of care and treatment.
 - 3. Reviewing recommendations for a patient's treatment made by community healthcare clinicians.
- B. Clinical judgment rests with each facility's Associate Medical Director. If necessary, the Associate Medical Director may elevate patient care concerns to the Medical Director and/or Director of Healthcare Administration.

DIVISION OF ADULT INSTITUTIONS FACILITY IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES

Facility: Name		
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Will Implement <input type="checkbox"/> As written <input type="checkbox"/> With below procedures for facility implementation		
Warden's/Center Superintendent's Approval:		

REFERENCES

DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS AND FORMS

FACILITY PROCEDURE

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RESPONSIBILITY

I. Staff

II. Inmate

III. Other