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**POLICY**

Division of Adult Institution facilities shall ensure a program exists to provide care for special needs inmate patients who require close medical supervision and multidisciplinary care.

**REFERENCES**

Standards for Health Services in Prisons – National Commission on Correctional Health Care, 2014, P-G-02 – Patients with Special Health Needs  
DAI Policy 306.00.02 – Escorting and Transportation of Pregnant Inmates  
DAI Policy 500.30.09 – Provision of Services to Pregnant Inmate Patients  
DAI Policy 500.70.14 – Mental Health Multidisciplinary Teams  
DAI Policy 500.70.16 – Mental Health Treatment – General Population  
DAI Policy 500.70.17 – Mental Health Treatment – Special Units  
DAI Policy 500.70.19 – Mental Health Treatment Plans

**DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS, AND FORMS**

Advanced Care Practitioner (ACP) – A provider with prescriptive authority.

DOC-3020 – Problem List

DOC-3510 – Patient Care Plan

Special Needs Patients – Those patients with health conditions that require regular care.

Treatment Plan – Series of written statements specifying a patient's particular course of therapy and the roles of qualified health care professionals in carrying out the plan.

**PROCEDURE****I. Special Health Needs Inmate Patients**

- A. Special health needs include, but are not limited to:
1. Physical disabilities, including mobility impairments (e.g., amputations, paraplegia, quadriplegia) or significant visual, hearing or speech impairments.
  2. Cognitive disabilities that result in the need for assistance with activities of daily living.

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3. Frail or elderly inmate patients who require assistance in activities of daily living.
  4. Pregnant inmate patients. Applicable policies are DAI Policy 500.30.09 and DAI Policy 306.00.02.
  5. Inmate patients with serious mental illness and alcohol and other substance abuse. Applicable mental health policies are in the DAI Policy 500.70.XX series.
  6. Intellectually disabled inmate patients who need extra planning or assistance to be successful in the correctional environment or who need special attention to their physical safety.
  7. Juveniles sentenced as adults.
  8. Inmate patients with recent hospitalizations, emergency room visits and or urgent care visits may qualify as special needs inmate patients.
- B. Special health needs shall be listed on DOC-3020 – Problem List.
- C. The facility shall maintain a list of special health needs inmate patients.
- II. Treatment Plans**
- A. Individual treatment plans shall be developed by an ACP or other licensed health care staff at the time the condition is identified and updated when warranted.
- B. Health care staff shall document special needs encounters in the health care record. Documentation shall include at a minimum:
1. Short and long term goals.
  2. Evaluation, assessment and current status.
  3. The frequency of follow-up for medical evaluation and adjustment of treatment modality addressed.
  4. The type and frequency of diagnostic testing and therapeutic regimens.
  5. Instructions about diet, exercise, adaptation to the correctional environment and medications.
- C. Licensed nurses may be assigned to follow special needs inmate patients to help assure compliance with medication, diet and the special need treatment plan in between ACP visits.
- D. Multidisciplinary treatment plans may be needed to meet an inmate patient's special health needs in the correctional environment.
- E. Regularly scheduled multidisciplinary meetings shall be held to discuss individual inmate patients who require a multidisciplinary approach to meet their needs.
- F. Multidisciplinary treatment plans shall be documented on the DOC-3510 – Patient Care Plan. Summary of pertinent information may also be written in the Health Care Record.

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**DIVISION OF ADULT INSTITUTIONS FACILITY IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES**

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**REFERENCES**

**DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS, AND FORMS**

**FACILITY PROCEDURE**

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