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Doug Percy
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Title

Doug Percy
Signature

6/25/19
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POLICY

All Division of Adult Institutions may provide for the temporary release of inmate patients from correctional facilities for end of life medical care (Hospice).

REFERENCES

Standards for Health Services in Prisons, National Commission on Correctional Health Care, 2018, P-F-07 – Care for the Terminally Ill
Wisconsin Statutes s. 302.113 – Release to extended supervision for felony offenders not serving life sentences
Wisconsin Statutes s. 304.115 – Emergency Removal Order
Wisconsin Administrative Code Ch. 302 – Inmate Classification, Sentence and Release Provisions
Wisconsin Administrative Code Ch. 306 – Security
Wisconsin Administrative Code Ch. 325 – Temporary Release Under Supervision
DAI Policy 300.00.09 – Death of an Inmate
DAI Policy 500.00.01 – Advance Directives for Health Care

DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS, AND FORMS

BHS – Bureau of Health Services

DAI – Division of Adult Institutions

DNR – Do Not Resuscitate

DOC – Department of Corrections

DOC-45 – Temporary Release – Request/Order/Cancellation

DPOAHC – Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care

Hospice Facility – A health care facility for the terminally ill

POA – Power of Attorney
PROCEDURE

I. Inmate Eligibility for Community Hospice Facility Placement
   A. A DOC physician may recommend release to a hospice facility for end of life care for an inmate patient diagnosed with a terminal illness with life expectancy of less than six (6) months.

   B. The Warden/designee shall specify in writing the level of security supervision required regardless of the inmate’s assigned custody level.

II. Referral Process
   A. Health Services shall notify the Warden of inmate patient terminal illness and life expectancy evaluation.

   B. Health Services shall review the DNR status with the inmate patient. If they refuse to sign the DNR, the inmate patient may not be eligible for a hospice facility.

   C. Health Services may refer to DAI/BHS contracted case manager to assist with inmate patient hospice facility placement.

   D. Designated staff shall work with inmate patient to obtain DPOAHC and establish POA for finances and property.

   E. The Warden/designee or BHS shall notify the DAI Administrator/designee of anticipated inmate patient placement in a hospice facility.

   F. Only the Warden may order the temporary release of an inmate patient to a hospice facility and sign the completed DOC-45.

III. Supervision for Community Hospice Facility Placement
   A. The Warden shall designate staff to provide supervision.

   B. Designated staff shall provide general supervision of the inmate patient by visually verifying the inmate patient’s presence.

   C. Community hospice facility visits shall be conducted at a minimum of twice per day and reported to the facility.

Administrator’s Approval: _____________________________ Date Signed: ________________
Jim Schwochert, Administrator
REFERENCES

DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS, AND FORMS

FACILITY PROCEDURE
I. 
   A. 
   B. 
      1. 
      2. 
         a. 
         b. 
         c. 
      3. 
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II. 

III. 

RESPONSIBILITY
I. Staff 

II. Inmate 

III. Other