

Pregnancy & Childbirth

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Upon intake all female Person(s) in our Care (PIOC) are given a pregnancy test to determine status. PIOC who are found to be pregnant will be evaluated by HSU for any appropriate restrictions. HSU staff will complete forms notifying the appropriate individuals within the institution of the PIOC status.

PIOC have the option/right to collect breast milk, refer to DAI Policy 900.50.24 Breast Milk Collection and Storage for further information.

Social Worker/Treatment Specialist Responsibilities:

Upon receiving notice from HSU, the Social Worker/Treatment Specialist will interview the PIOC regarding intended placement of the child upon birth and review the following:

- The Social Worker/Treatment Specialist will inform the Department of Social Services in the guardian's county of residence to identify any concerning matters.
 - If the first placement is found to be inappropriate, other placement options will be evaluated ie Adoption Agency
- Once placement is verified by the Social Worker/Treatment Specialist, the PIOC completes form DOC-1498 Newborn Placement by the DOC Social Worker/Treatment Specialist.
- The Social Worker/Treatment Specialist will forward DOC-1498 to the assigned Social Worker on the designated Community Hospital Maternity Unit
- After the birth of the child, visitation with the guardian and child may be approved by completing a special visit using DOC 1115 Special Extended Visit and DOC 1115A Special Extended Visit Notice to Inmate Youth. .
 - Social Worker/Treatment Specialist shall encourage the PIOC to get the child on visiting list as soon as possible by sending the child's legal non-incarcerated guardian/custodial parent a DOC-21AA Visitor Questionnaire.

References/Resources:

DOC 1498 Newborn Placement

DOC 1115 Special Extended Visit

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DOC 1115A Special Extended Visit Notice to Inmate Youth DOC-21AA Visitor Questionnaire

DAI Policy 500.30.09 Provision of Services to Pregnant Patients

DAI Policy 900.50.24 Breast Milk Collection and Storage