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1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines to identify and meet the urgent or serious health needs of individuals admitted into the system.

2.0 REFERENCES AND DEFINITIONS

.1 References

- a. Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 26-14.6, Department of Public Safety; and Section 353C-2, Director of Public Safety, Powers and Duties.
- b. National Commission on Correctional Health Care, Standards for Prisons and Jails, (2008).

.2 Definitions

- a. Clinically Significant Findings: Any deviation from the normal that significantly impacts the health safety and welfare of the patient.
- b. Physical Examination: Examination of body systems by a licensed health professional trained and certified to perform such an examination using techniques of inspection, palpation, percussion and auscultation to determine the presence or absence of disease.
- c. Health Assessment: A multi-step process whereby an individual's health status is evaluated, including questioning the patient about symptoms, performing a physical examination, vital signs, diagnostic testing, immunizations as needed and taking a comprehensive medical, dental and mental health history.

3.0 POLICY

Health care professionals shall assess and plan for meeting the health needs of the individual patient.

4.0 PROCEDURES

- .1 An initial Health Assessment shall be implemented within the first seven (7) days for prisons and fourteen (14) days for jails. This assessment shall consist of:
 - a. Review of the Medical/Mental Health Admission Screening on Form DOC 0498) by a health care professional.

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- b. A complete medical, dental and mental health history completed by qualified health professionals using Form DOC 0415.
- c. A physical examination (as indicated by the patient's age, gender, risk factors) with completion of form DOC 0419, Physical Examination performed by a physician, mid-level provider or trained RN.
 - 1. The responsible physician shall review all physical examinations completed by other trained health professionals and shall document the review on DOC 0419.
 - 2. The hands-on portion of the health assessment may be performed by an RN only when the RN completes appropriate training that is approved or provided by the responsible physician.
- d. An intake physical examination need not be repeated on individuals re-admitted into the system within a year of being released when the receiving screening shows no change in health status.
- e. A health care professional shall record vital signs including weight, height, blood pressure, pulse, respirations and temperature. Patient weight and blood pressure is required annually and shall be recorded in the medical record.
- f. Diagnostic tests for communicable diseases shall be performed unless there is documentation from the health department that the prevalence rate does not warrant it.
 - 1. A PPD status check or update shall be performed on all inmates.
 - 2. Newly identified positive PPD's over 10 mm require a chest X-ray.
- g. Laboratory or diagnostic tests for disease such as pulse ox and peak flows for asthmatics and a urine dipstick shall be performed.
- h. Women's health exam including a Pap test, pregnancy test when warranted/requested, breast exam and determination regarding mammography need.
- i. Development of a problem list with diagnostic and therapeutic treatment plan for each problem. Completion of a Health Status Classification Form Doc 0497.

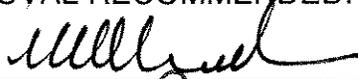
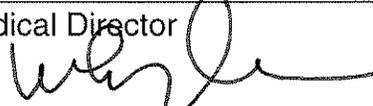
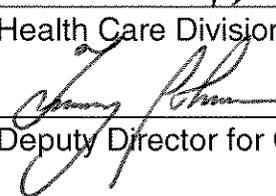
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- i. Administration of immunizations, when appropriate.
- j. A vision test recorded on Form DOC 0419.
- l. Scheduling of mental health and dental follow-up.

5.0 SCOPE

This policy and procedure applies to all correctional facilities and their assigned personnel.

APPROVAL RECOMMENDED:

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Medical Director	Date
	12/22/08
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