

	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/09/07	POLICY NO.: COR.10.1E.14
	CORRECTIONS ADMINISTRATION POLICY AND PROCEDURES	SUPERSEDES (Policy No. & Date): COR.10A.18 (02/03/1999)	
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1.0 PURPOSE

To purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for access to health care for inmates in community-based programs.

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 Health Services in Prisons, (2003).

.2 Definitions

- a. Community-based program: Any program or residential housing unit in the community in which the Department of Public Safety retains custodial responsibility for an inmate. These programs include, but are not limited to, residential community beds, extended furlough, house arrest, etc., but do not include paroled inmates or pre-trial detainees on supervised release or probation.
- b. Responsible physician: A physician with the ultimate medical responsibility at a facility.

3.0 POLICY

- .1 The Health Care Division shall ensure access to health care for inmates in community-based programs.
- .2 Inmates in community-based programs may seek health care or a private provider at their own expense. However, all treatments and medications shall be pre-approved and authorized by the Health Care Division.

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4.0 PROCEDURES

- .1 Inmates in community-based programs shall be encouraged to obtain their health care at a correctional facility Health Care Section. Male inmates in Oahu-based community programs shall make appointments at the Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) Health Care Section. Women in Oahu-based community programs shall make appointments at the Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC) Health Care Section.
 - a. Inmates or programs staff shall phone the Health Care Section to schedule an appointment. Health Care Section staff shall notify security of the appointment in order to ensure that the inmate is admitted to the Health Care Section at the appointed time.
 - b. The available services include all medical, dental and mental health services that are available to the general inmate population.
 - c. If the Health Care Section is unable to provide a needed service, a referral shall be made. The Health Care Section shall assume the costs of such a referral.
- .2 If an inmate in a community-based program desires an appointment with a community health care provider, other than a referral from the Health Care Section, the inmate shall arrange the appointment and shall assume full responsibility for the cost of such a referral.

The inmate or program staff shall be responsible to report any recommended treatment, especially medication prescription, to the relevant Health Care Section staff prior to commencing treatment. Final authorization for the treatment rests with the responsible physician at the respective Health Care Section.
- .3 The community-based program shall call for emergency assistance (911) for medical emergencies that arise during the evenings, nights or weekends if the inmate is in danger of severe body injury, amputation or death. The PSD physician on-call shall be notified as soon as possible. The on-call physician shall be contacted for direction regarding developing or urgent problems prior to any action taken by the program.

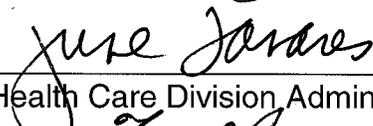
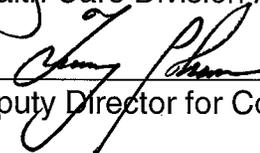
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.4 The monthly physician on-call roster shall be provided to the contract supervisor for distribution to the Oahu programs. The neighbor islands Health Care Section shall ensure its distribution to relevant neighbor island sites.

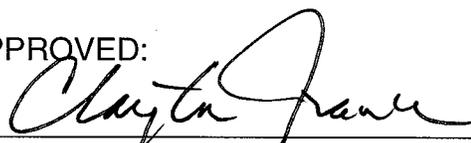
5.0 SCOPE

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

APPROVAL RECOMMENDED:

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Medical Director	Date
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Health Care Division Administrator	Date
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