

	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	EFFECTIVE DATE: 1/7/09	POLICY NO.: COR.10.1G.02
	CORRECTIONS ADMINISTRATION POLICY AND PROCEDURES	SUPERSEDES (Policy No. & Date): Cor.10D.28 (11/16/98)	
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1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to assure that patients with special needs receive any needed medical supervision and multidisciplinary care.

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 and Jails, (2008).

.2 Definitions

- a. Special needs patients: includes those individuals with health conditions requiring regular care such as, but not limited to, the developmentally disabled, frail or elderly and physically or mentally disabled.
- b. Treatment Plan: a series of written statements specifying a patient's particular course of therapy and the roles of health care professionals in carrying it out.

3.0 POLICY

A proactive program exists that provides for special needs patients who require close medical supervision, special housing or multidisciplinary care.

4.0 PROCEDURE

- .1 Individual treatment plans shall be developed by a physician or nurse practitioner at the time the condition is identified and updated when needed.
- .2 The treatment plan may take the form of a SOAP notation or other Departmental approved documentation and lists any special housing considerations and also includes:

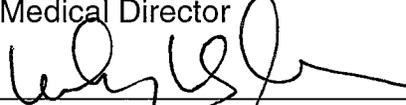
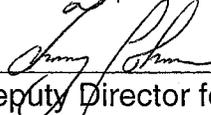
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- a. The frequency of follow-up for medical evaluation and adjustment of treatment modality.
 - b. The type and frequency of necessary diagnostic testing and therapeutic regimens.
 - c. When appropriate, instructions regarding diet, exercise, adaptation to the correctional environment, and medication.
- .3 Special needs are listed on the master problem list.
- .4 The facility maintains a list of special needs patients.

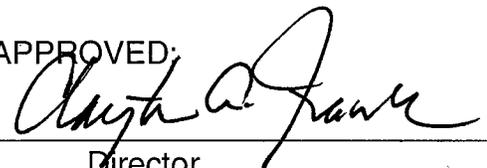
5.0 SCOPE

This policy and procedures applies to all branch facilities and their assigned personnel.

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