

	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY CORRECTIONS ADMINISTRATION POLICY AND PROCEDURES	EFFECTIVE DATE: 1/07/09	POLICY NO.: COR.10.1G.08
		SUPERSEDES (Policy No. & Date): NEW	
	SUBJECT: INMATES WITH ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG PROBLEMS		Page 1 of 3

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to assure patients with alcohol or other drug problems are assessed and properly managed by a physician.

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).

3.0 POLICY

- .1 Patients with alcohol or other drug (AOD) problems are assessed and managed by a physician.
- .2 Correctional staff is trained in the recognition of AOD problems in inmates during Basic Corrections Training.
- .3 Disorders associated with AOD are recognized and treated.
- .4 There is evidence of communication and coordination between medical, mental health and substance abuse staff.
- .5 On-site individual counseling, group therapy, or self-help groups.

4.0 PROCEDURES

- .1 All inmates shall have a drug and alcohol history taken and an assessment for intoxication and/or withdrawal during intake processing.
- .2 Any inmate exhibiting symptoms of intoxication or withdrawal are immediately referred to and assessed by a health care professional.

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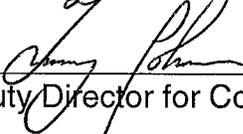
- .3 Patients whose health assessment demonstrates early withdrawal symptoms shall receive treatment per established treatment protocols.
- .4 Patients experiencing severe, life-threatening intoxication or withdrawal shall be immediately transported to the hospital.
- .5 Patients at risk for progression to more severe levels of intoxication or withdrawal are kept under constant observation by health care staff or when not possible are transported to the hospital.
- .6 Pregnant patients admitted with a history of opiate use including buprenirphine, or on methadone or similar substance therapy will have a physician contacted immediately so that the opiate dependence or methadone use can be assessed and properly treated.
- .7 All patients with a drug or alcohol history shall be referred to a provider for a physical examination including:
 - a. An assessment of their current medical condition,
 - b. Ordering of appropriate diagnostic tests to evaluate for the occurrence of associated disorders such as liver disease,
 - c. Documentation on the medical record regarding health care findings,
 - d. Prescription of condition specific medications, as needed
 - e. Referral to mental health services for documented assessments and follow-up.
- .8 Patients shall have access to on-site individual, group therapy, or self help groups such as AA or NA.

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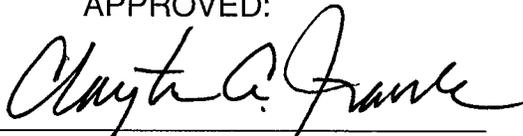
5.0 SCOPE

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

APPROVAL RECOMMENDED:

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Director
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Date