

	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY CORRECTIONS ADMINISTRATION POLICY AND PROCEDURES	EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/29/08	POLICY NO.: COR.10.1G.9
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1.0 PURPOSE

To establish counseling guidelines for pregnant inmates.

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. Prenatal care: Defined comprehensive health care provided to pregnant women.
- b. High-risk pregnancy: A pregnancy in which complications might be expected due to such problems as prior pregnancy complications, chronic illness, drug habituation, etc.

3.0 POLICY

- .1 Prenatal care shall commence when pregnancy is determined. The clinical care shall meet community standards and shall include prenatal nutritional counseling.
- .2 Counseling of the expectant mother's options for the pregnancy and social services shall be available from the facility staff or community agencies either on site or through outside consultations. A high-risk pregnancy shall be referred to an obstetrician.

4.0 PROCEDURES

- .1 Arrangements for hospitalization, therapeutic procedures and confinement of the mother shall be assumed by the appropriate branch facility.

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- .2 Post delivery medical cost for the child shall be the responsibility of the inmate, the inmate's family or the State Department of Human Services.
- .3 If the mother seeks foster or custodial care for the baby, or if she wants to put the child up for adoption, the inmate shall be instructed to use the counseling services of the hospital. Hospital social workers have the expertise in providing counseling, guidance, and referral services in this respect.

5.0 SCOPE

This policy and procedure applies to all correctional facilities that house women.

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