

	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY CORRECTIONS ADMINISTRATION POLICY AND PROCEDURES	EFFECTIVE DATE: OCT 20 2015	POLICY NO.: COR.10.1G.06
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1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to assure that 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, (2014).

3.0 POLICY

- .1 Patients with Alcohol on 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 are provided.

4.0 PROCEDURES

- .1 All inmates shall have a drug and alcohol history and an intoxication assessment and/or withdrawal taken during intake process.
- .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 when possible or are transported to the hospital.
- .6 Pregnant patients with a history of opiate use including buprenirphine, or on a methadone or similar substance therapy will have a physician contacted immediately so that the opiate dependence or maintenance therapy can be properly managed.
- .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. Documentation on the medical record regarding health care findings.
 - c. Prescription of condition specific medications, as needed.
 - d. Referral to mental health services for documented assessments and follow-up.
 - e. The ordering of appropriate diagnostic tests to evaluate for the occurrence of associated disorders such as liver disease.
- .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.

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