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1.0 PURPOSE

To ensure that there is no interference with the delivery of necessary health care to inmates with serious medical, mental, and dental needs.

2.0 REFERENCES

.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, (2003).

.2 Definitions

- a. Health Care Staff: Includes all qualified health care providers, clinicians, administrators, technicians, nursing staff, support and clerical staff, contracted service workers and volunteers.
- b. Health Care Providers: Medical and psychiatric physicians, dentist and clinical psychologist.
- c. Clinician: A nurse, nurse practitioner, or psychiatric social worker in close consultation with the psychiatrist, psychologist or medical doctor.

3.0 POLICY

- .1. Decisions and actions regarding medical, mental disorders and dental care provided to inmates to meet their serious medical needs are the sole responsibility of qualified health care professionals.
- .2. Providers and clinicians shall be solely responsible for determining how they can accomplish their duties and responsibilities according to professional standards while cognizant of security procedures.

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- .3 Clinical decisions and implementations are completed in an effective and safe manner and supported by the Department.
- .4 Correctional employees shall not interfere in medical orders issued by qualified providers and clinicians.
- .5 Health staff ^{are} subject to the same security regulations as other correctional employees.

5.0 SCOPE

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

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