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.


.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.
.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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