1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to assure that patients with special needs receive any needed medical supervision and multidisciplinary care.

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.


.2 Definitions

a. Special needs patients: includes those individuals with health conditions requiring regular care such as, but not limited to, the developmentally disabled, frail or elderly and physically or mentally disabled.

b. Treatment Plan: a series of written statements specifying a patient's particular course of therapy and the roles of health care professionals in carrying it out.

3.0 POLICY

A proactive program exists that provides for special needs patients who require close medical supervision, special housing or multidisciplinary care.

4.0 PROCEDURE

.1 Individual treatment plans shall be developed by a physician or nurse practitioner at the time the condition is identified and updated when needed.

.2 The treatment plan may take the form of a SOAP notation or other Departmental approved documentation and lists any special housing considerations and also includes:
a. The frequency of follow-up for medical evaluation and adjustment of treatment modality.

b. The type and frequency of necessary diagnostic testing and therapeutic regimens.

c. When appropriate, instructions regarding diet, exercise, adaptation to the correctional environment, and medication.

.3 Special needs are listed on the master problem list.

.4 The facility maintains a list of special needs patients.

5.0 SCOPE

This policy and procedures applies to all branch facilities and their assigned personnel.

APPROVAL RECOMMENDED:

Medical Director

Health Care Division Administrator

Deputy Director for Corrections

APPROVED:

Director