

	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY CORRECTIONS ADMINISTRATION POLICY AND PROCEDURES	EFFECTIVE DATE: OCT 20 2015	POLICY NO.: COR.10.1G.08
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1.0 PURPOSE

Women are provided nondirective counseling about pregnancy prevention, including access to emergency contraception.

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. Standards for Health Services in Prisons, National Commission on Correctional Health Care, (2014).

.2 Definitions

- a. Emergency Contraception: birth control that is used after unprotected sex – if birth control was not used or regular birth control failed.

3.0 POLICY

- .1 Emergency contraception shall be available in the clinic for patients requesting it during intake, and any time during incarceration as indicated.
- .2 Continuing contraception shall be considered for women who are on a method of birth control at intake, for the purpose of medical stability and pregnancy prevention.

4.0 PROCEDURES

- .1 Female patients shall be asked if they are currently on birth control medication. If so, the patient will be asked if they have their birth control medication with them, or if family can be contacted to bring all of their pill packs to the medical unit. The patient shall come to the health care unit to take their birth control medication.

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- .2 Patients bringing in birth control pills shall have their medication administered during pill call. The patient shall self-administer the medication in front of the medication nurse.
- .3 Patients currently taking birth control pills shall be permitted to take the remaining medication brought into the clinic per the prescription instructions.
- .4 Once the available medication cycle is complete the medication will be stopped unless there is a clinical indication for continuing the prescription.
- .5 Female patients shall be asked at intake, if they have had unprotected heterosexual sex with last three (3) days, or if their contraceptive measure failed, if the response is yes, the patient shall be asked if they want emergency contraception.
- .6 Nursing staff shall provide one dose of an over the counter emergency contraceptive as requested by the patient. Documentation of the medication administration shall be done on the progress note and on the medication administration record.
- .7 Women of reproductive age shall be granted the opportunity to discuss with a qualified health professional their future desires for either becoming pregnant or preventing pregnancy.
- .8 Health Care staff shall provide community resource information on family planning.

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