



MEDICAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

POLICY.

It is the policy of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office – Corrections Division to provide standards which will direct staff as to the procedures governing access to healthcare needs for persons detained in the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office – Adult Jail (AJ). The AJ intends to provide all inmates with adequate health and medical care during the term of their incarceration and to ensure that inmate medical problems are met by responsible, professional healthcare providers. Healthcare includes medical, dental and behavioral healthcare.

PURPOSE.

The purpose of this policy is to set forth guidelines for the establishment of policies and operating procedures for the corrections staff to follow in order to meet the legitimate medical, dental, and behavioral health needs of persons confined in the DCAJ.

OREGON JAIL STANDARDS:

- G-101 Providing Adequate Health Care
- G-102 Responsibility and Authority for Health Care Delivery

REFERENCES:

- None

SECTION A: GENERAL GUIDELINES

- A-1.** This policy will be implemented by a Healthcare Plan which consists of, but need not be limited to, the procedures set forth in the inmate healthcare section of the AJ policy and procedure manual which are designed to:
- a. Facilitate provision of timely, necessary care for medical and dental emergencies
 - b. Assure access to medical, dental and behavioral healthcare
 - c. Maintain health of inmates
 - d. Provide effective intake screening
 - e. Delineate the qualifications of personnel responsible for intake screening and delivery of medical care services
 - f. Prevent the occurrence and spread of disease
 - g. Manage and treat some chronic diseases

- A-2.** Healthcare services will be provided by Facility Providers which may include: Facility Physician (who acts as the responsible health authority), Facility Psychiatrist or Nurse Practitioner. Healthcare services are also provided by Behavioral Health Specialists (BHS), facility nurses and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). These policies and operating procedures are designed to achieve the goal of ensuring that all health care is rendered with the utmost consideration of inmate dignity.
- A-3.** Disputes arising from the overlap of inmate care by the responsible health authorities should be managed by resolution in meeting with Corrections Captain and the providers involved. These disputes may include grievances filed by inmates concerning provider's care or actions. The main providers of care include the Facility Provider, jail nurses or the BHS. Regular meetings will be held with providers and the assigned corrections lieutenant.