



## **STANDING ORDERS AND TREATMENT PROTOCOLS**

### **POLICY.**

It is the policy of Deschutes County Adult Jail (DCAJ) and Work Center (WC) that written Standing Orders and written Treatment Protocols may be used in a limited number of specified medical situations of a routine nature.

### **PURPOSE.**

The purpose of this policy is to set forth guidelines for the proper administration of Standing Orders and Treatment Protocols.

### **OREGON JAIL STANDARD:**

- G-102 Responsibility and Authority for Health Care Delivery

### **DEFINITIONS.**

**Standing Medical Orders** are written medical orders for the Facility Nurse that specify the same course of treatment for each patient suspected of having a given condition.

**Treatment Protocols** are written orders for Health Trained Officers that specify the steps to be taken in appraising a patient's physical status. It does not include any directions regarding dosages of prescription medication.

### **PROCEDURES.**

- A-1. Authorized Personnel.** The Facility Nurse will follow the Standing Orders and the Health Trained Deputies will follow the steps in the Treatment Protocols. Health Trained Deputies are not authorized to treat inmates under Standing Medical Orders.
- A-2. Training.** All persons who fall within the category of personnel authorized to perform a Standing Order and/or Treatment Protocol will first have been certified as trained and qualified by the Facility Health Care Provider or appropriate educational institution with regard to each specific Order or Protocol.
- A-3.** All Standing Orders and Treatment Protocols will be signed by the Facility Provider and be reviewed as needed.