



PRENATAL/POSTPARTUM CARE AND BIRTH CONTROL

POLICY.

It is the policy of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office – Adult Jail (AJ) that female inmates have access to materials for personal hygiene. Pregnant or postpartum inmates, will have the same resources available to them as are available to the community.

PURPOSE.

The purpose of this policy is to set forth guidelines for the administration of birth control and care of pregnant and postpartum care females under the supervision of the AJ.

OREGON JAIL STANDARDS:

- G-208 Elective Procedures
- G-210 Pregnancy-Related Care

PROCEDURES.

- A-1. Female inmates will continue to receive birth control prescriptions at their own expense unless a Health Assessment, Direct Medical Order or a health care professional has documented or diagnosed a medical need.
- A-2. Any female inmate may continue to use materials medically necessary with regard to her pregnancy, menstrual cycle, or postpartum follow up care.
- A-3. If a female inmate indicates a need for medical care relating to her reproductive system, birth control, or pregnancy termination, she may submit *Health Care Request Form No. 545*.
- A-4. Female inmates wishing to terminate a pregnancy will be permitted to determine their eligibility for an abortion pursuant to law.
- A-5. Counseling is available from Deschutes County Health Services for pregnant inmates regarding abortion, adoption and keeping the child.
- A-6. If a female inmate is pregnant, prenatal care as prescribed by the Medical Director and/or her own physician will be provided.
- A-7. If a female inmate has recently delivered a baby or terminated a pregnancy, care will be provided as needed throughout the postpartum period. Care may include both medical

and/or behavioral health care and will reflect medical standards of care in the community. If a female inmate is lactating, she may either pump milk for the baby or dry up her milk, depending on her need.

FORMS USED:

- Health Care Request Form No. 545