



LEVELS OF CARE

POLICY.

The Deschutes County Adult Jail (DCAJ) and Work Center (WC) will provide medical care designated to meet the medical needs of its inmates. The level of care will be appropriate to the medical need.

PURPOSE.

The purpose of this policy is to identify appropriate levels of care in relation to specific inmate medical needs.

OREGON JAIL STANDARDS:

- G-203 Emergency Response
- G-204 First Aid Kits

PROCEDURES.

SECTION A: LEVELS OF CARE

The level of medical care provided will correspond to the following categories:

- A-1. Clinic Care.** Care for an ambulatory inmate with health care complaints who is evaluated and treated by special appointment.
- A-2. Emergency Care.** Emergency care is provided as outlined in DCAJ policy [CD-10-8, Emergency Medical Care.](#)
- A-3. Hospital Care.** In-patient or out-patient hospital care for this facility will generally be obtained at the St. Charles Medical Center; however, other appropriate hospital facilities may be utilized as needed.
- A-4. Infirmary Care.** DCAJ or WC does not provide “infirmary care” as defined by the American Medical Association. All of the care given will be properly documented in the inmates’ medical records.
- A-5. Self-Care.** Care for a condition that can be treated by the inmate and may include “over-the-counter” type medications. Minor ailments include those conditions which may be

treated on self-care basis (i.e. cold symptoms, headaches, etc.) when the inmate is not incarcerated at DCAJ. Self-care treatment modalities may not be given to inmates by corrections deputies absent a Treatment Protocol or Direct Medical Order.

SECTION B: FIRST AID AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- B-1. First Aid Kits.** First Aid Kits will be clearly marked. First Aid Kits are provided to care for a condition that requires immediate assistance from a person trained in first aid procedures. Corrections deputies who are trained in basic first aid may render this level of care as appropriate to meet emergency medical needs. If a deputy renders First Aid to an inmate, an Incident Report will be completed by the corrections deputy, and a copy of the report will be submitted to the Medical Unit for review. First Aid Kits and supplies are maintained in Medical, Booking, North Control Room, South Control Room, Court Security, Work Center, Administration and Food Services Area. First Aid Kits will have an inventory of contents in each kit. First Aid Kits will be maintained by medical staff and checked quarterly to ensure they are adequately stocked and that contents are not damaged, deteriorated, contaminated or expired.
- B-2. Automated External Defibrillators (AED).** AEDs are located in the DCAJ Medical Unit, Booking, South Control Room, Work Center, Transports and Court Security as outlined in DCAJ policy [CD-13-11, Automated External Defibrillator](#). AEDs will be periodically checked for any deficiencies.
- B-3. Emergency Bags.** Emergency Bags contain contents for a higher level of care than a regular First Aid Kit. Emergency Bags will be well-marked orange bags located in Medical, Booking, North Control, South Control, Transports, Court Security and Work Center. Emergency Bags will be maintained by medical staff, and checked quarterly to ensure they are adequately stocked and the contents are not damaged, deteriorated, contaminated or expired. Emergency Bags will have an inventory of contents as part of the each bag.

FORMS USED:

None