



## **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.**

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. First Aid.** 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. 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. In addition, Automated External Defibrillators (A.E.D.) are maintained in the DCAJ Medical Department, Booking, South Control Room, Work Center and Court Security as outlined in DCAJ policy [CD-13-11, Automated External Defibrillator.](#)

- A-4. 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-5. 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-6. 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.