



MEDICAL AUTONOMY

POLICY.

The Facility Provider shall have no restrictions imposed upon him by the Facility Administration regarding matters of medical and dental judgment. Decisions and actions regarding health care services provided to inmates are the sole responsibility of qualified health care personnel. Security regulations applicable to facility personnel also apply to the medical personnel. The medical staff will work with the Facility Administration regarding security of inmates.

PURPOSE.

The purpose of this policy is to assure all inmates within the Deschutes County Jail are provided with unbiased medical attention.

SECTION A: MEDICAL ETHICS AND MEDICAL AUTONOMY

- A-1.** Elective medical care will not be provided except at inmate expense. Elective care is that which may be deferred without being detrimental to the health of the inmate.
- A-2.** Inmates with acute psychiatric or other serious illnesses who require health care beyond the resources available to DCAJ will be transferred to a facility where such care is available if custody continues.