State of Iowa Department of Corrections

Policy and Procedures

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1. PURPOSE

To ensure a 24-hour delivery of institutional health services can be delivered in the absence of full-time licensed health trained personnel. To provide basic first aid, universal precautions and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for non-health care correctional staff.

2. POLICY

It is the policy of the Iowa Department of Corrections to provide for 24-hour health care coverage for patients.

3. DEFINITIONS - As used in this document:

Non-Parenteral Medication – For the purpose of this procedure the definition is for oral medication.

4. PROCEDURE

A. The Health Authority shall assure there is a plan in place to accommodate emergency medical care. At a minimum, the first responder shall be trained in American Heart Association Heart Saver course which consists of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (C.P.R.), first aid, and the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (A.E.D.). At all times, there must be staff on duty, who are appropriately trained in C.P.R., A.E.D., first aid, and who are able to respond immediately upon

notification of a medical emergency. First responders shall administer emergency medical care to their level of training upon arrival unless the situation is determined to be unsafe. **(5-ACI-6B-08)**

B. Any correctional staff who administers medication must successfully complete the "Administration of Non-Parenteral Medication by Correctional Officers in the Iowa Department of Corrections" training every three years and training records maintained by the institution.

C. All training records are to be retained by the training officer or other designated staff.

D. Each facility shall provide 24/7 Registered Nurse coverage 365 days a year. Any exception to this shall require written pre-authorization from the IDOC Administrator of Nursing.