

State of Iowa Department of Corrections

Policy and Procedures

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1. PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for use of treatment protocols and receiving direct and written orders.

2. POLICY

To ensure that treatment is provided pursuant to written orders and within the limits of applicable laws and regulations.

3. DEFINITIONS

- A. Non-Independent Health Services Provider – personnel who are not licensed by a medical board, i.e. Emergency Medical Technician (E.M.T.).
- B. See IDOC Policy **AD-GA-16** for additional Definitions.

4. PROCEDURE

- A. Treatment by health services personnel other than a licensed medical practitioner or independent providers is performed pursuant to DOC PT/HS Committee-approved Treatment Protocols and written or direct orders by personnel authorized by law to give such orders. Nurse practitioners and physician's assistants may practice within the limits of applicable laws and regulations. **(4-4383.)**

- B. Licensed nursing staff will sign off on Nursing Protocols/Treatment Protocols prior to utilizing them to assure proper orientation/use of them. This is documented on **HSF-201**, *Nursing Orientation Checklist*.