

State of Iowa Department of Corrections

Policy and Procedures

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1. PURPOSE

To ensure that patients placed in segregation maintain their medical and mental health while physically and socially isolated from the remainder of the patient population.

2. POLICY

It is the policy of the Iowa Department of Corrections (IDOC) that patients housed in segregation shall be provided necessary health services.

3. PROCEDURE

- A. When a patient is transferred to segregation, health care staff will be informed immediately and will provide a screening and review. Health care staff will review the medical record for any indications of medical problems that need to be addressed while in segregation. Pertinent medical information will be shared with security staff and with appropriate documentation in the electronic medical record.
- B. Nursing staff shall make rounds to all segregation units daily to ensure that each patient has the opportunity to request care for medical, dental or mental health problems. Documentation of segregation rounds are made on the unit log, the patient's individual log, or by PDA.
- C. A medical provider, at the request of health services staff, provides medical consultation to patients in segregation. Healthcare providers may request that an offender be removed from a cell or housing area for his/her medical

attention or examination. Whenever possible, health services for patients in segregation will be provided in the health services clinic area, (i.e. necessary treatments, injections, etc.).

- D. Patients in segregation shall have access to health services via completion of a health services request form/KIOSK. **(HSF-505A)**
- E. Critical incident reports are to be provided to medical and mental health providers for their review of potential medical/mental health issues for their respective institutions.
- F. Consultation may be provided in the segregation units if this does not affect the quality of care or security of the patient. Otherwise, arrangements are made for the patient to be seen in the Health Services area.
- G. Patients considered being at risk for suicide or self-injurious behaviors are to be managed consistent with **HSP-701**, *Mental Health Services*, and **HSP-710**, *Suicide and Self-Injury Prevention*.