

State of Iowa Department of Corrections

Policy and Procedures

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1. PURPOSE

To ensure documentation and verification of necessary medical restrictions for patient work assignments and housing assignments.

2. POLICY

It is the policy of the Iowa Department of Corrections (IDOC), to communicate a standardized system of documentation and verification by health services staff for medical restrictions of work/housing assignments for patients.

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4. PROCEDURE

A. Patients Entering the IDOC

1. The Medical Work Classification is completed on all patients entering the IDOC.
2. Medical work class modification is necessary whenever a practitioner has determined that a long-term change in health status has occurred and is supported by practitioner documentation.

B. Limited Activity Notice

Patients experiencing a change in health status of limited duration do not require their work classification to be changed. Under these circumstances, patient activities, including work, may be modified for 90 days or less by appropriate health record documentation and the completion of a Limited Activity Notice (LAN).

C. Patients Returning to the IDOC Within One Year

Patients who return to prison do not need to have their medical work classification redone provided their health record contains a medical work classification completed within one year prior to re-entry and their current health assessment indicates a health status consistent with No Restrictions.

D. Work Classification

At the time of a physical examination, a work class must be completed/ updated. The medical work classification and LAN can be viewed in the ICON system which is used by the other staff members of the facilities.

E. Activities Restrictions

Activity limitations and medical work class adjustments often apply even if a patient completes a formal treatment refusal. The patient's rejection of recommended health services does not negate IDOC staff's obligation to appropriately limit or

modify activities, i.e., work, sports, weight lifting. Inappropriate participation in activities and work could aggravate an existent health condition such as coronary artery disease, hypertension, convulsive disorder, and complaints of musculoskeletal pain/disorder.

F. Special Equipment

Special equipment such as CPAP and BiPap machines are entered onto the medical work classification under the "Electrical" section. This information will rollover to ICON to determine housing needs of the patient.