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Policy and Procedures

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1. PURPOSE

To ensure that health services are provided to all people who are under the supervision of the Iowa Department of Corrections (IDOC), regardless of their length of stay.

2. POLICY

To provide health services to those entering the Iowa Department of Corrections with an expected length of stay of less than 180 days. These services include, but are not limited to, sick call, physician referral (when indicated), emergency services, and psychological/psychiatric services (when indicated). This policy applies to the following populations; 28E Agreement Offenders, Safekeepers, Sexually Violent Predator Safekeepers, 08 Parole Pending Revocation Hearing Offenders, Federal Detainees and Federal Bureau of Prison offenders housed by the IDOC.

3. DEFINITIONS

A. Detainee – As defined in this policy, someone who is being held in custody within the IDOC for a short period of time for any of the reasons listed below:

1. Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) Safekeepers
2. 08 Parole Pending Revocation Hearing Offenders (PRH)
3. Federal Detainees

4. Federal Bureau of Prison Offenders
5. 28E Agreement Offenders
6. Safekeepers

B. See IDOC Policy **AD-GA-16** for additional Definitions.

4. PROCEDURE

A. A medical file will be maintained on each admission. Below is a list of procedures that are to be completed on each admission, or a copy of the following may be obtained from the current IDOC medical record, if the patient has not left the custody of the IDOC:

1. Intake Health Status Assessment, form **HSF-501C**
2. Health Screen
3. Serology, HIV, Hepatitis C
4. CBC, UA, Fasting Chem Profile if >50 years
5. Tuberculosis Screen
6. Pregnancy Test
7. Identification of relevant current medical/mental health problems and other health conditions requiring possible care/treatment prior to institutional placement.

B. Any person that has been in the custody of the IDOC for more than 12 uninterrupted months must be scheduled for a complete health appraisal, (i.e. GU, mammogram if ≥ 40 years of age and physical exam), consistent with IDOC Policy **HSP-501**, *Initial Health Screening and Appraisal*.

C. Tuberculosis screen:

1. Screen for Tuberculosis, unless documented positive history.

2. PPDs are to be read within 48-72 hours.
3. If the transfer sheet indicates a past positive PPD, and results of a chest x-ray within the past year; and, if the information is complete, a chest x-ray does not need to be repeated. If a positive PPD is determined, a chest x-ray is taken, and a referral is made to the physician.
4. The patient is not transferred to another institution until the x-ray result has been obtained, and the need for medical therapy is addressed.

D. Other relevant information:

1. Any person on psychiatric medication upon admission will be referred to the psychologist or psychiatrist.
2. All other medication issues will be addressed with a medical provider, and a plan written.
3. Dental examinations/screens and Optometry services are not provided routinely due to the anticipated short stay. Urgent treatment is provided.
4. An appointment for a physician encounter is automatically entered into Medical Icon for a 12-month review at the time of admission.
5. Co-Pay
 - a. Federal Detainees and Federal Bureau Prisoners are notified of medical co-pay upon admission. Co-pay is applicable after the initial 30 days.
 - b. Co-pay is not applicable to sexually violent predators (SVP) housed as safekeepers, or 28E Agreement offenders.

E. Federal Detainees or Bureau of Prison Offenders

1. The Federal Marshal Service will be notified of any detainee requiring hospitalization. Transfer may be made to a federal medical facility.

2. The Federal Marshal Service will be notified of any detainee that may become unmanageable due to medical and/or psychiatric conditions. The Federal Marshal Service will provide transfer to a federal medical facility.
3. Approval for medical services provided to federal detainees must be pre-authorized by the Federal Marshal Service for all initiation of medication, medical treatments, procedures, and medical referrals. The licensed medical practitioner is to document recommended treatment. The nurse completes the appropriate Federal form, Attachment A – Approval for Medical Services Provided to Federal Detainees. Recommendations are faxed to the Federal Marshal Service. Authorization is either approved or denied, and is faxed to the institution in a timely manner. Denials will be evaluated on an individual basis by the referring licensed medical physician and health services staff. Detailed information must be entered in the electronic medical record documenting denial by the Federal Marshal Service. Issues of concern will be addressed with the Federal Marshal Service. Treatments deemed medically necessary, but denied, may be completed at the discretion of the on-site licensed medical practitioner. Pre-authorized laboratory, radiology, hospitalization, medications, equipment, and medical referral services will be billed to the Federal Marshal Service.

4. Dental Care

An exception is made for federal detainees who have been in the custody of the IDOC for greater than two years. In that case, a panograph is taken at IMCC and the patient is placed on the priority II list should the patient have any priority II needs. All dental treatment provided for federal detainees, including emergency treatment, is billed to the Federal Marshal.

5. Prescribed medications will be provided when indicated and adequate notice is received on releases.
 - a. Court Order releases will be provided a 30 day supply of medication, or the medication needed for the planned time at court if less if proper notice provided.
 - b. Upon final release, persons will be provided with 30 days of current licensed medical practitioner-authorized medications. If appropriate, a 30-day supply of prophylactic TB medication will accompany the person. Relevant forms will be completed and

forwarded to the Iowa Department of Public Health. The Medical Summary of Federal Prisoner/Alien in Transit form, USM-553, will be completed on all discharging detainees. It will also be completed, when medically necessary, for detainees leaving on temporary court order.

- c. 28E Agreement, Safekeepers and 08 PRH offenders will be provided a 30-day supply of medications on final release.
- d. Federal Detainees transferring back into the U.S. Marshall's custody will have the Federal Transfer Form, USM 533, completed. A copy is retained in the IDOC health record.

6. 08 Parole Pending Revocation Hearing Offenders

- a. A PRH requires a nursing face-to-face intake encounter in the event of revocation to prison. All appointments will be reviewed and updated. Health Services orientation will be provided.
- b. A dental exam will be scheduled if the last exam is greater than two years ago.
- c. A vision screen will be completed and optometry services will be offered as designated by policy. Glaucoma screening for patients 50 and older will be provided.
- d. A physical examination and medical work classification will be scheduled. This should include identification of relevant major problems, chronic conditions and other health conditions. Guaiac test if over 40 will be offered. Chlamydia and GU screening if indicated by policy.
- e. Complete or confirm completion of intake/health screen; PPD, HIV, VDRL and HCV lab testing.