

State of Iowa Department of Corrections

Policy and Procedures

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Chapter 6: Health Services

Sub Chapter: Mental Health

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Subject: Psychiatric and/or Psychological Evaluation Requested by Parole Board

ACA Standards: N/A

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1. PURPOSE

The Iowa Department of Corrections intends to make appropriate use of its mental health resources such that it can respond to Parole Board requests in the most efficient and effective manner possible.

2. POLICY

This policy is intended to establish procedures whereby the IDOC can efficiently and appropriately respond to the requests of the Iowa Parole Board for mental health evaluations on patients within the correctional system.

3. DEFINITIONS – See IDOC Policy AD-GA-16 for Definitions

4. PROCEDURE

Whenever, in the opinion of the Board of Parole it appears necessary for the success of parole, the Board may require a current mental health evaluation of the patient.

1. The Board's request for a mental health evaluation shall be communicated to the IDOC Health Services Administrator or designee and administration of the facility having custody of the patient.
2. Physician reviews are provided by the primary psychiatrist for the facility in which the patient is housed either in person or via tele-psychiatry according to the urgency of the request and the schedule of the psychiatrist.
3. A mental health evaluation report shall be prepared utilizing the template available in Medical ICON or an equivalent version. A copy of the completed report shall be forwarded to the IDOC Health Services Administrator/designee.
4. Parole Board requests for additional information or clarification will be directed to the IDOC Health Services Administrator or designee who will prioritize and delegate to the appropriate psychologist and psychiatrist.