



MEDICAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

POLICY.

It is the policy of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office – Adult Jail (AJ) to provide standards which direct members as to the procedures governing access to health care needs for persons detained in the AJ. The AJ intends to provide all inmates with adequate health and medical care during the term of their incarceration and to ensure inmate medical problems are met by responsible, professional health care providers. Health care includes medical, dental and behavioral health care.

PURPOSE.

The purpose of this policy is to set forth guidelines for the establishment of policies and operating procedures for members to follow in order to meet the legitimate medical, dental, and behavioral health needs of persons confined in the AJ.

OREGON JAIL STANDARDS:

- G-101 Providing Adequate Health Care
- G-102 Responsibility and Authority for Health Care Delivery

REFERENCES:

- None

SECTION A: GENERAL GUIDELINES

- A-1.** This policy will be implemented by a Health care Plan, which consists of, but need not be limited to, the procedures set forth in the inmate health care section of the AJ policy and procedure manual which are designed to:
- a. Facilitate provision of timely, necessary care for medical and dental emergencies
 - b. Assure access to medical, dental and behavioral health care
 - c. Maintain health of inmates
 - d. Provide effective intake screening
 - e. Delineate the qualifications of personnel responsible for intake screening and delivery of medical care services
 - f. Prevent the occurrence and spread of disease
 - g. Manage and treat some chronic diseases

- A-2.** Health care services will be provided by Facility Providers which may include a Facility Physician or Nurse Practitioner (who acts as the responsible health authority) and/or a Facility Psychiatrist. Health care services are also provided by Behavioral Health Specialists (BHS), nurses and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). These policies and operating procedures are designed to achieve the goal of ensuring that all health care is rendered with the utmost consideration of inmate dignity.
- A-3.** Disputes arising from the overlap of inmate care by the responsible health authorities should be managed by resolution in meeting with Corrections Captain and the providers involved. These disputes may include grievances filed by inmates concerning a provider's care or actions. The AJ Medical Unit is managed by a Medical Director and includes AJ nurses and the BHS. The Medical Director will coordinate regular meetings with AJ providers to ensure and promote the delivery of responsible, professional health and medical care.