



## LEVELS OF CARE

### POLICY.

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office –Adult Jail (AJ) will provide medical care designed to meet the medical needs of inmates. The level of care will be appropriate to the medical need.

### PURPOSE.

The purpose of this policy is to identify appropriate levels of care in relation to specific inmate medical needs.

### OREGON JAIL STANDARDS:

- G-203 Emergency Response
- G-204 First Aid Kits

### PROCEDURES.

#### *SECTION A: LEVELS OF CARE*

The level of medical care provided will correspond to the following categories:

- A-1. Clinic Care.** Care for an ambulatory inmate with health care complaints who is evaluated and treated by special appointment.
- A-2. Emergency Care.** Emergency care is provided as outlined in AJ policy [CD-10-8, \*Emergency Medical Care\*](#).
- A-3. Hospital Care.** In-patient or out-patient hospital care for the AJ will generally be obtained at Saint Charles Medical Center (SCMC); however, other appropriate hospital facilities may be utilized as needed.
- A-4. Infirmary Care.** The AJ does not provide “infirmary care” as defined by the American Medical Association. All care given will be properly documented in the inmates’ Electronic Health Record (EHR).
- A-5. Self-Care.** Care for a condition that can be treated by the inmate and may include “over-the-counter” type medications. Minor ailments include those conditions which may be treated on self-care basis (i.e. cold symptoms, headaches, etc.) when the inmate is not incarcerated at the AJ. Members may not provide self-care treatment methods to inmates, absent a Treatment Protocol or Direct Medical Order.

**SECTION B: FIRST AID AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

**B-1. First Aid Kits.** First Aid Kits will be clearly marked. First Aid Kits are provided to care for a condition that requires immediate assistance from a person trained in first aid procedures. Members who are trained in basic first aid may render this level of care as appropriate to meet emergency medical needs. If a deputy renders First Aid to an inmate, they will complete an Incident Report in the Jail Management System (JMS). The deputy will forward a copy of the report to the Medical Unit for review.

First Aid Kits and supplies are maintained in Medical, Booking, North Control Room, South Control Room, Court Security, Work Center (WC), Administration and Food Services Area. First Aid Kits will have an inventory of contents in each kit. First Aid Kits will be maintained by the Medical Unit and checked quarterly to ensure they are adequately stocked and that contents are not damaged, deteriorated, contaminated or expired.

**B-2. Automated External Defibrillators (AED).** AEDs are located in the AJ Medical Unit, Booking, South Control Room, WC and the Court Security/Transports security checkpoint (Deschutes Circuit Court) as outlined in AJ policy [CD-13-11, Automated External Defibrillator](#). AEDs will be periodically checked for any deficiencies.

**B-3. Emergency Bags.** Emergency Bags contain contents for a higher level of care than a regular First Aid Kit. Emergency Bags will be well-marked orange bags located in Medical, Booking, North Control, South Control, Transports, Court Security and WC. Emergency Bags will be maintained by the Medical Unit, and checked quarterly to ensure they are adequately stocked and the contents are not damaged, deteriorated, contaminated or expired. Emergency Bags will have an inventory of contents as part of the each bag.

**FORMS USED:**

None