



## CONTINUITY OF CARE

### POLICY.

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office – Adult Jail (AJ) Medical Unit will provide continuity of medical care to those inmates who are treated from their time of admission until discharge from the facility. Referrals of inmates to community care will be made when their medical needs cannot be met by the levels of care established by this policy.

### PURPOSE.

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the Medical Unit in providing continuity of medical care for inmates while they are lodged in the AJ.

### OREGON JAIL STANDARDS: None

#### *SECTION A: GENERAL GUIDELINES*

- A-1. Medical records will be completed and maintained in accordance with written policy and community standards.
- A-2. Inmates who are under the care of private physicians may have that care continued after contact with the inmate's physician. The Facility Provider has final responsibility in approving the current care plan.
- A-3. Referrals to community care will be made with the consent of the inmate, and pertinent medical records will be available to the receiving agency.
- A-4. Copies of pertinent personal medical records may be made available to inmates pending release to assist with care in the community (i.e. blood pressure records, medication administration records, x-ray reports).