	DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION CORRECTIONS ADMINISTRATION POLICY AND PROCEDURES	EFFECTIVE DATE: January 01, 2024	POLICY NO.: COR.10.A.03
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1.0 PURPOSE

To ensure that there is no interference with the delivery of necessary health care to inmates with serious medical, mental, and dental needs.

2.0 SCOPE

This policy and procedure shall apply to all correctional facilities and their assigned personnel within the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR).

3.0 REFERENCES, DEFINITIONS & FORMS

.1 References

- a. Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 26-14.6, Department of Public Safety; and Section 353-A, Director of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Powers and Duties.
- b. National Commission on Correctional Health Care, Standards for Health Services in Prisons and Jails, (2003).

.2 Definitions

- a. Health Care Staff: Includes all qualified health care providers, clinicians, administrators, technicians, nursing staff, support and clerical staff, contracted service workers and volunteers.
- b. Health Care Providers: Medical and psychiatric physicians, dentists, and clinical psychologists.
- c. Clinician: A nurse, nurse practitioner, or psychiatric social worker in close consultation with the psychiatrist, psychologist, or medical doctor.

4.0 POLICY


- .1 Decisions and actions regarding medical, mental disorders and dental care provided to inmates to meet their serious medical needs are the sole responsibility of qualified health care professionals.

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- .2 Providers and clinicians shall be solely responsible for determining how they can accomplish their duties and responsibilities according to professional standards while cognizant of security procedures.
- .3 Clinical decisions and implementations are completed in an effective and safe manner and supported by the Department.
- .4 Correctional employees shall not interfere in medical orders issued by qualified providers and clinicians.
- .5 Health Staff are subject to the same security regulations as other correctional employees.


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