

PROPOSED CHANGE TO STANDARDS

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Health Services

The Commission is proposing to amend 273 Health Services as mandated by House Bill 1140, 84th Legislature. The proposed text is bolded.

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Each facility shall have and implement a written plan, approved by the Commission, for inmate medical, mental, and dental services. The plan shall:

- (1) provide procedures for regularly scheduled sick calls;
- (2) provide procedures for referral for medical, mental, and dental services;
- (3) provide procedures for efficient and prompt care for acute and emergency situations;
- (4) provide procedures for long-term, convalescent, and care necessary for disabled inmates;
- (5) provide procedures for medical, mental, nutritional requirements, special housing, appropriate work assignments, and the documented use of restraints during labor, delivery and recovery for known pregnant inmates. **A sheriff/operator shall notify the commission of any changes in policies and procedures in the provision of health care to pregnant prisoners. A sheriff/operator shall notify the commission of any changes in policies and procedures in the placement of a pregnant prisoner in administrative separation;**
- (6) provide procedures for the control, distribution, secured storage, inventory, and disposal of prescriptions, syringes, needles, and hazardous waste containers;
- (7) provide procedures for the distribution of prescriptions in accordance with written instructions from a physician by an appropriate person designated by the sheriff/operator;
- (8) provide procedures for the control, distribution, and secured storage of over-the-counter medications;
- (9) provide procedures for the rights of inmates to refuse health care in accordance with informed consent standards for certain treatments and procedures (in the case of minors, the informed consent of a parent, guardian, or legal custodian, when required, shall be sufficient);
- (10) provide procedures for all examinations, treatments, and other procedures to be performed in a reasonable and dignified manner and place; and
- (11) provide that adequate first aid equipment and patient evacuation equipment be on hand at all times.

RECOMMEND: PUBLISH THE PROPOSED CHANGE TO STANDARD.