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NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE HARRIS COUNTY JAIL

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Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on February 12-16, 2024, detailing the specific issues that resulted in the issuance of this notice of non-compliance.

Minimum Standards Violated:	Corrective Measure Required	Date Corrective Action Must Be Completed
273.7(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; Records reviewed failed to show that inmates housed at the 1307 Baker St Facility are provided medication in accordance with written instructions from a physician.	Upon receipt of this notice.
275.(1)	Every facility shall have the appropriate number of jailers at the facility 24 hours each day. Facilities shall have an established procedure for documented face-to-face observation of all inmates by jailers no less than once every 60 minutes. Observation shall be performed at least every 30 minutes in areas where inmates known to be assaultive, potentially suicidal, mentally ill, or who have demonstrated bizarre behavior are confined. 60-minute observations of inmates were exceeded by staff in January approximately 1400 times by 2 minutes to 115 minutes. Additionally, observation records for areas where inmates known to be assaultive, potentially suicidal, mentally ill, or who have demonstrated bizarre behavior are confined exceeded the 30-minute observation by 2 minutes to 195 minutes. This deficiency is continued from the August 28, 2023, inspection.	Upon receipt of this notice.

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275.(4)

Inmates shall be supervised by an adequate number of jailers to comply with state law and this chapter. One jailer shall be provided on each floor of the facility where 10 or more inmates are housed, with no less than 1 jailer per 48 inmates or increment thereof on each floor for direct inmate supervision.

On more than one occasion, Harris County failed to meet the 1:48 as required by standards. This deficiency is continued from the August 28, 2023, inspection.

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