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Technical Assistance Memorandum #24-05

To: All Sheriffs and Jail Administrators
From: Brandon S. Wood, Executive Director

Re: Transfer of Inmates to TDCJ / Other Jails Addendum

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) has requested that the following addendum to Technical Assistance Memorandum #24-03 Transfer of Inmates to TDCJ/Other Jails be issued regarding the process for certain medical intakes that require additional communication with TDCJ-Health Services. Please review the information below carefully as it expands criteria regarding medical intakes. This will ensure inmates are transported to the appropriate facilities to better support the inmate's required healthcare needs.

- The Texas Uniform Health Status Update (TUSHU) Form is <u>required</u> to accompany all inmates upon physical admission. Without this form physically accompanying the inmate, the inmate will no longer be able to be transported by TDCJ on the transportation vehicles.
- An inmate who has a walker <u>OR</u> wheelchair will not be considered a regular intake and will now fall under medical intake guidelines. They will **not** be transported via TDCJ transportation buses. Inmates with these medical devices will require the county to contact TDCJ's Health Services Liaison at 936-437-3589 to schedule appropriate intake.
- An inmate who has a confirmed pregnancy, at any stage of the pregnancy, will not be considered a regular intake, and will now be deemed a medical intake. A county is required to contact TDCJ's Health Services Liaison at 936-437-3589 in order to arrange for transfer.
- An inmate who is prescribed Clozaril or Clozapine will not be considered a regular intake, they will be a medical intake. These inmates will require the county to contact TDCJ's Health Services Liaison at 936-437-3589.
- An inmate marked "Requires Special Health Care" on the pen packet checklist, when submitted to Admissions or State Ready, that gets cleared by TDCJ's Health Services Liaison, will require the email from Health Services and an updated pen packet checklist being sent to Admissions or State Ready in order to fully update the inmate's medical status for intake purposes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Brittney Losack at 936-437-6387 or Jacy Keefer at 936-437-6236.