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To: All Sheriffs,

Please be advised that the attached TA Memo 26-07 addresses inmates with severe mobility impairments, especially those who are wheelchair-dependent. The memo states:

"The mobility aid (crutches, cane, walker, or wheelchair) must accompany the inmate to TDCJ."

Following discussions with TDCJ, they confirmed that they have coordinated with Health Services and advised that, when provided sufficient notice by the county, they can work to order and receive a wheelchair prior to the inmate's arrival. However, this requires advance communication and adequate lead time.

If prior coordination has not occurred and a wheelchair is necessary for the inmate's mobility, the county cannot deliver and leave the inmate without a wheelchair at the time of transfer.

For TDCJ inmates requiring specialized medical care or accommodations, transferring facilities should contact the TDCJ Office of Health Services Liaison before transport:

TDCJ Office of Health Services Liaison
Phone: 936-437-3589

Please contact the Health Services Liaison prior to transfer to coordinate intake for inmates with conditions requiring specialized medical attention, including severe mobility impairments and wheelchair dependence, as well as any other conditions identified in TDCJ transfer guidance.

Your cooperation in ensuring proper coordination and continuity of care during inmate transfers is appreciated. If you have any questions regarding these procedures, please contact the TDCJ Office of Health Services Liaison.

- 28 C.F.R. § 35.149, Discrimination Prohibited. [\[ecfr.gov\]](http://ecfr.gov)
- 28 C.F.R. § 35.152, Jails, Detention and Correctional Facilities. [\[law.cornell.edu\]](http://law.cornell.edu)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ricky Armstrong".

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