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ECTOPARASITE CONTROL

Legal References (includes but is not limited to)	Related Policies/Procedures (includes but is not limited to)	Other References (includes but is not limited to)
IC 11-8-2-5 IC 34-4-12.6	01-02-101	National Correctional Healthcare Standards

I. **PURPOSE:**

This Health Care Services Directive (HCSD) establishes guidelines for the control of ectoparasites as a standard health intervention.

II. **GUIDELINES:**

- A. Routine “delousing” shall not be supported by Health Services staff unless epidemiological review demonstrates a high incidence of infestation requiring intervention. Any time that a facility’s administration determines that routine delousing may be necessary, implementation shall not occur until reviewed and approved by Central Office Health Services personnel. Such implementation, if approved, shall be for limited times and purposes only. Implementation of this provision shall be reported to the facility and Central Office Continuous Quality Improvement Committee
- B. Treatment of ectoparasites shall be determined by the on-site provider. If over-the-counter medications are used, the provider shall observe the manufacturer’s warnings.

Pregnancy must be considered in advance of treatment selection for incarcerated females.

- C. After treatment, the hair shall be checked and combed with a nit comb to remove nits and lice. The patient shall be rechecked in one (1) week and, if necessary, every two to three (2-3) weeks until all lice and nits are gone.
- D. When infestation is identified, management of the environment (including cleaning of bedding, clothing, etc.) shall be advised in accordance with the type of environment and the parasite identified. Screening of exposed patients may be carried out, but prophylactic treatment of exposed patients

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shall not be accomplished. Exposed employees must use outside providers if they desire screening. Worker's Compensation program rules apply to diagnosis and treatment following on-the-job exposures.

III. APPLICABILITY:

This HCSD is applicable to all facilities providing Health Services to incarcerated adults.

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