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HEALTH CARE SERVICES DIRECTIVE-ADULT Manual of Policies and Procedures				

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Legal References (includes but is not limited to) IC 11-8-2-5 IC 34-4-12.6	Related Policies/Procedures (includes but is not limited to) 01-02-101 01-02-106	Other References (includes but is not limited to) National Correctional Healthcare Standards
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I. PURPOSE:

This Health Care Services Directive (HCS D) provides guidelines for the management of the chemically addicted patient who is in need of medical detoxification.

II. GUIDELINES:

- A. Patients shall be screened for potential withdrawal symptoms at intake in accordance with the guidelines established in Health Care Services Directive 2.02, "Reception Screening." When necessary, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) shall be considered to treat the patient in accordance with HCS D 2.16. For pregnant patients with a history of opiate use or currently using opiates the designated medical provider shall be consulted immediately. When necessary, MAT shall be used to maintain the patient throughout the pregnancy in accordance with HCS D 2.16, "Medication Assisted Treatment."
- B. Detoxification from alcohol, opiates, hypnotics, other stimulants, and sedative hypnotic drugs shall be conducted under medical supervision when performed at the facility or is conducted in a hospital or community detoxification center.
- C. The contracted medical vendor shall ensure a process is in place to assess and monitor all patients suspected of acute intoxication. This process shall be approved by the Health Services vendor's Regional Medical Director and the Regional Director of Nursing. When acute intoxication is suspected, qualified Health Services staff shall refer the patient for drug screening as clinically indicated. A complete assessment shall be documented in the EMR. The staff assessing the patient shall provide a detailed report to the clinician. If during business hours the clinician shall complete a face to face

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exam. The patient experiencing acute intoxication shall be placed under observations until released by the ordering clinician. These are the minimal guidelines for the treatment and observation of patients manifesting symptoms of intoxication or withdrawal from alcohol or other drugs. The patient shall be monitored using State Form 56392, "Clinical Institute Withdrawal Assessment (CIWA)," or State Form 56409, "Clinical Opiate Withdrawal Scale (COWS)." No patient shall be released from observation without the provider's assessment and order.

- E. Patients experiencing severe, life-threatening intoxication (an overdose) or withdrawal must be transferred under appropriate security conditions to a local emergency room or licensed acute care facility where specialized care is available.
- F. Patients treated by Health Services personnel for acute intoxication or withdrawal shall be referred for substance abuse assessment by the Health Services staff who remove them from intoxication/detoxification hold after appropriate assessment and when clinically indicated.
- G. Health Services vendor shall keep a log of all patients that are suspected of intoxication or monitored during withdrawal.

III. APPLICABILITY:

This HCSD is applicable to all facilities housing incarcerated adults

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