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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	Other References (includes but is not limited to) National Correctional Healthcare Standards
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I. PURPOSE:

This directive provides guidelines for patients wishing to donate tissue or organs for transplantation and for staff assisting these patients.

II. GUIDELINES:

- A. From time to time patient's request to participate in organ or tissue donation procedures. While it is reasonable for patient's to be permitted to donate organs or tissues, it is not reasonable for the Department to use its funds to support these procedures. Organ donation is not a necessary health care service.

The donation process includes several major steps:

1. Personal decision to participate;
2. Blood samples for tissue typing, including examination for histocompatibility;
3. Meeting with surgeon or other operator;
4. Donation procedure, often as a hospital inpatient; and,
5. Follow up.

- B. If a patient wishes to participate as a donor, all associated costs must be borne by outside agencies, by the family, or by another third party, and none borne by the Department. Associated costs include costs of officer coverage (including overtime if that is used and including associated fringe benefit expenditures), costs for vehicles, costs for blood tests or other evaluation procedures, costs for the donation process, and costs for any required follow up care.

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The Warden shall:

1. Confirm that an outside agency is considering the patient as a source of tissue or organs;
 2. Review the individual patient's history with regards to escape risk or other risk to the public. (If there is any unacceptable concern for escape risk or the public's safety, the Warden may require additional security (also funded by a party other than the Department) or determine that no off-site trips are acceptable); and,
 3. Ensure that funds adequate to cover security and transportation are transferred to Department in advance of any off-site trips.
- C. The outside agency considering a patient as a tissue or organ source and the patient must be informed regarding these costs and security considerations in advance of initiating the donation process.
- D. The Chief Medical Officer (CMO) must be informed regarding donation procedures that are carried out. The CMO retains the authority to deny permission to participate, if good cause for this denial is present.
- E. If patients or outside groups wish to consider a patient participation's in general organ transplant registries, permission from the Commissioner shall first be obtained.

III. APPLICABILITY:

This Health Care Services Directive is applicable to all facilities housing incarcerated adults.

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Date