



**HEALTH CARE SERVICES  
DIRECTIVE-YOUTH SERVICES  
Manual of Policies and Procedures**

Title

**CONTINUITY OF CARE**

Legal References

(includes but is not limited to)

IC 11-8-2-5

Related Policies/Procedures

(includes but is not limited to)

01-02-101

Other References

(includes but is not limited to)

National Correctional Healthcare  
Standards

I. PURPOSE:

This Health Care Services Directive (HCSD) describes the Department's commitment to continuity of care from intake to release and beyond.

II. GUIDELINES:

- A. Providing care in an uninterrupted manner benefits the patient by ensuring that serious conditions are addressed in a consistent and continuing fashion. It benefits the system by avoiding duplication and associated costs and simplifying provision of care.
- B. The Health Services Division has established a system that
- Identifies preexisting conditions at Intake
  - Plans continuing therapy,
  - Provides care for chronic diseases through a structured process,
  - Reviews ongoing therapy after inter-institutional transfer and annually,
  - Provides age appropriate care, including vaccinations, preventive screening, and other interventions,
  - Provides pertinent health education,
  - Communicates with off-site providers and reviews the information generated by off-site providers,
  - Obtains health records generated prior to incarceration, and
  - Provides linked referral and information in preparation for and upon release from incarceration.
  - Provides supplies and equipment upon release from confinement when that is necessary for continuing care.

III. APPLICABILITY:

This HCSD is applicable to all facilities providing Health Services to youth.

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