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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 directive requires that health services personnel assist operations personnel in managing prison facilities by providing, when necessary, health information regarding youth with special needs.

II. GUIDELINES:

A. Personal health information is confidential and must not be released to those not authorized to receive it. Within the Department, all health information may be released to any employee according to HIPAA guidelines.

B. Health Services personnel identify for Classification purposes, specific medical information required to determine what requirements are medically needed for each youth. This general information must be kept current, as it guides youth placement throughout the Department. Additional specific information is often necessary when the following are considered

- Housing assignments
- Work assignments
- Program assignments
- Disciplinary measures
- Admission to and transfer from facilities.

This is especially true for the following identified groups:

- Those with serious chronic illness
- Those with serious communicable disease

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- Those with physical disabilities causing significant problems with performance of activities of daily living (ADLs)
- Those with serious behavioral health needs
- Those with severe developmental disabilities
- Those with serious cognitive impairment
- Those who are terminally ill
- Those who because of frailty, have significantly decreased ability to carryout ADLs
- Those who are pregnant

When specific activity limitation is necessary, this shall be communicated to the managers involved, in writing and/or verbally as appropriate. Facilities may create individual methodologies to carry out this requirement. No youth may be isolated based on the above needs.

- C. Special mention of disciplinary proceeding and separation placement must be made. Health Services staff with medical or behavioral health knowledge relevant to the disciplinary conduct received by a youth should communicate this to those who are implementing it. Prior to screening for a conduct violation, behavioral health staff should be contacted by the screening officer and asked to provide feedback about whether the youth's behavioral health condition may have contributed to the conduct violation. If it is determined that the event in question was the result of the youth's behavioral health condition, the youth will receive a written reprimand documenting the behavior but will not receive other disciplinary action.

Placement in separation housing carries with it certain risks. To ensure that those subjected to separation do not deteriorate during such placements special attention must be paid to those going into or remaining in restrictive status housing. This is described more fully in HCSD 2.25Y "Health Evaluation of Youth in Separation."

**III. APPLICABILITY:**

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

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