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

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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
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I. PURPOSE:

This Health Care Services Directive (HCSD) presents general guidelines for provision of end-of-life services.

II. GUIDELINES:

Youth who are approaching end of life, whether admitted to an outside hospital or remaining at a Division of Youth Services (DYS) facility, should be offered general health care services that include collaborative and compassionate care. End of life services (EOLS) for youth should include communication to the committing court for further disposition and planning. At all costs youth who are approaching end of life should be returned to preplacement housing. As an important note for youth that are approaching end of life, the Wardens have full medical guardianship for youths in custody but are encouraged to remain in close contact with the legal parent or guardian of the youth.

A. EOLS if conducted at a site level include:

1. Care and encouragement to remain independent in activities of daily living until the progressive disease process makes that impossible;
2. Encouragement to maintain important social contacts and to participate in important life activities;
3. Health care services;
4. Alleviation of pain and unpleasant symptoms;
5. Support in understanding the process of dying;
6. Support and assistance in addressing the health, emotional, and spiritual aspects of death and dying;
7. Assistance to family members visiting the prison facility;
8. Companionship; and,
9. Access to Religious Services

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EOLS shall be coordinated by an interdisciplinary team which includes the patient management team and additional representation from other service areas. The team shall include the following representation a physician, nurse, chaplain, designated unit team staff, behavioral health staff, and additional staff as necessitated by patient needs.

The team is responsible for establishing and maintaining, an individualized treatment plan, coordinating services from each discipline, planning for volunteer activities, and visitations as appropriate.

- B. If EOLS are carried out at in a hospital setting and the hospital contacts the Warden regarding decision making, the Warden shall consult with the youth's legal guardian and the Executive Director of Youth Services and the Executive Director of Physical Health. If there is no Legal Guardian outside the Warden, the Warden shall consult with the Executive Director of Youth Services and seek legal advice. The Warden shall agree with the hospital's recommendation unless reasonable justification exists to disagree with the hospital's recommendations.

III. APPLICABILITY:

This Health Care Services Directive is applicable to all facilities providing Health Services to youth .

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Date