



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

Title

**ECTOPARASITE CONTROL**

Legal References (includes but is not limited to)	Related Policies/Procedures (includes but is not limited to)	Other References (includes but is not limited to)
IC 11-8-2-5	01-02-101	National Correctional Healthcare Standards

**I. PURPOSE:**

This Health Care Services Directive (HCSD) establishes guidelines for the control of ectoparasites is a standard health intervention.

**II. GUIDELINES:**

- A. Routine “delousing” shall not be supported by Health Services staff unless epidemiological review demonstrates a high incidence of infestation requiring intervention. Any time that a facility’s administration determines that routine delousing may be necessary, implementation shall not occur until reviewed and approved by central office Health Services Division personnel. Such implementation, if approved, shall be for limited times and purposes only, unless otherwise directed by Physician. Implementation of this provision shall be reported to the facility and Central Office Continuous Quality Improvement Committees.
- B. Treatment of ectoparasites shall usually be accomplished with over the counter products (prescribed and provided by health services staff), taking care to observe the manufacturer’s warnings. In female youth, pregnancy must be considered in advance of treatment selection.
- C. After treatment, the hair should be checked and combed with a nit comb to remove nits and lice. The youth shall be rechecked in 1 week and, if necessary every 2-3 weeks until all lice and nits are gone.
- D. When infestation is identified, management of the environment (including cleaning of bedding, clothing, etc.) shall be advised in accordance with the type of environment and the parasite identified. Screening of exposed youth may be carried out, but prophylactic treatment of exposed youth shall not be accomplished. Exposed staff must utilize outside providers if they desire

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screening. Worker's Compensation program rules apply to diagnosis and treatment following on-the-job exposures.

### III. APPLICABILITY:

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

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