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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 (HCSO) provides guidelines for the management of the chemically addicted youth who are in need of medical treatment for intoxication, detoxification, and withdrawal.

II. GUIDELINES:

- A. Youth shall be screened for potential withdrawal symptoms at intake in accordance with the guidelines established in HCSO 2.02Y, "Reception Screening."
- B. Detoxification from alcohol, opiates, hypnotics, other stimulants, and sedative hypnotic drugs is conducted under medical supervision when performed at the facility or it is conducted in a hospital or community detoxification center.
- C. The Health Services vendor shall ensure a process is in place to assess and monitor all patients suspected of acute intoxication. This process shall be approved by the Health Services vendor's regional medical director and the regional director of nursing. When acute intoxication is suspected qualified Health Services staff shall refer the patient for drug screening as clinically indicated. A complete assessment shall be documented in the electronic medical record (EMR). The staff assessing the patient shall provide a detailed report to the clinician. If during business hours the clinician shall complete a face to face exam. The patient experiencing acute intoxication shall be placed under observations until released by the ordering clinician. These are the minimal guidelines for the treatment and observation of patients manifesting symptoms of intoxication or withdrawal from alcohol or

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other drugs. The patient shall be monitored using State Form 56392, “Clinical Institute a Withdrawal Assessment (CIWA),” or State Form 56409, “Clinical Opiate Withdrawal Scale (COWS).” No patient shall be released from observation without the medical provider’s assessment and order.

- D. Youth experiencing severe, life-threatening intoxication (overdose) or withdrawal must be transferred under appropriate security conditions to a local emergency room or licensed acute care facility where specialized care is available.
- E. A youth experiencing moderate withdrawal that is at risk for progression to more severe levels of intoxication or withdrawal shall be kept under close observation until released by the treating clinician.
- F. All youth treated by Health Services personnel for acute intoxication or withdrawal shall be referred for substance use assessment by the Health Services staff within 24 hours.

III. APPLICABILITY:

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

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