

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS



Standard Operating Procedures

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(Physical Health)

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I. Introduction and Summary:

The Office of Health Services will recognize and promote adherence to professional Standards surrounding the delivery of health services within all state correctional facilities. This procedure is applicable to all facilities that house Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) offenders to include private and county prisons.

II. Authority:

- A. GDC Board Rules: 125-4-4.03 and 125-4-4.04;
- B. NCCHC 2018 Adult Standards; and
- C. ACA Standards: Section E - Health Care.

III. Definitions:

Standard - A practice established or recognized for purposes of promoting acceptable levels of performance.

IV. Statement of Policy and Applicable Procedures:

- A. The Office of Health Services will establish or recognize state and national Standards of care for correctional facilities. These Standards surrounding the delivery of health services include, but are not limited to the following:
 - 1. Staffing Standards;
 - 2. Facility Standards; and
 - 3. Acceptable Standards for Service Delivery.
- B. Adherence to professional Standards:
 - 1. Promotes an efficient and well-managed health care delivery system.

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2. Provides pathways for continuous improvement.
 3. Provides standardization through process driven systems.
- C. Standards recognized for this purpose within the GDC include, but are not limited to:
1. Standards for Health Services in Prisons, National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC);
 2. Standards for Health Services in Juvenile Detention Centers, National Commission on Correctional Healthcare (NCCHC);
 3. American Correctional Association (ACA); and
 4. Standards of Nursing Practice in Correctional Facilities, American Nursing Association (ANA).
- D. As a means of ensuring compliance with NCCHC Standards, the GDC requires accreditation of all state and private prisons through the Medical Association of Georgia.
- E. GDC requires accreditation of all state and private prisons by the American Correctional Association (ACA).
- V. **Attachments:** None.
- VI. **Record Retention of Forms Relevant to this Policy:** None.