

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS



Standard Operating Procedures

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Commissioner

Originating Division:
Health Services Division
(Physical Health)

Access Listing:
Level I: All Access

I. Introduction and Summary:

Offenders diagnosed by a Clinician with Pseudofolliculitis Barbae (PFB) will be issued a Shaving Profile. This policy is applicable to all facilities that house GDC offenders, to include county and private prisons.

II. Authority:

Clinical Update No. 03.04: Management of Pseudofolliculitis Barbae.

III. Definitions:

A. **Pseudofolliculitis Barbae** - A chronic medical condition of the skin caused by ingrown hairs of the beard and aggravated by a Clean Shave. The stiff hair tips penetrate the skin before leaving the follicle, or else leave the follicle, curve, and reenter nearby skin, producing small pustules that are more a foreign-body reaction than an infection.

B. **Shaving Profile** - An exemption from shaving the facial beard with a safety razor.

C. **Clean Shave** - Removing hair to the skin surface using a safety razor.

D. **Clinician** - A physician (MD or DO), nurse practitioner or physician's assistant.

IV. Statement of Policy and Applicable Procedures:

A. A Clinician should issue a Shaving Profile to Offenders diagnosed with Pseudofolliculitis Barbae (PFB) in accordance with Clinical Update No. 03.04. Once the diagnosis of PFB has been made it should be listed on the Problem List and considered a chronic dermatological condition. The initial evaluation will be subject to a co-pay charge; however subsequent reevaluations will not be subject to co-pay charges.

B. A Shaving Profile will be issued in the form of a temporary card, which includes the offender's name, ID number, issuing date, and signature of the Clinician until

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the offender is provided with a printed Scribe profile. Profiles will be renewed every six (6) months with the exception of profiles written for Pseudofolliculitis Barbae (PFB) which may be written for up to two (2) years.

- C. Offenders who have been granted a Shaving Profile would ordinarily be expected to show clinical improvement (reduced inflammatory response on the face). This is the desired result and should not be interpreted as a permanent cure. However, if a Clinician is in doubt regarding the original diagnosis, a re-evaluation may be performed at any time.
- D. Upon transfer to another facility, a current/valid Scribe Shaving Profile card will be honored by the receiving facility; however, a Scribe Shaving Profile card should be updated for one issued by the Clinician at the receiving facility upon re-evaluation.
- E. Offenders with a current/valid Shaving Profile should not be required to Clean Shave with a safety razor but will be required to clipper shave to maintain a beard length of 1/8 inch. In some cases (e.g., moderate PFB, etc.), a Clinician may recommend the offender be permitted to grow the beard to ¼ inch length. If medically indicated, the Clinician should write an order allowing the patient to maintain a beard length not to exceed ¼ inch for a specified time frame (i.e., 10 days, 2 weeks, etc.).
- F. Clipper shaving may be temporarily discontinued upon a Clinician's order if the offender has severe PFB (see Clinical Update 03.04).

NOTE: The clinical update associated with this SOP may be found on the GDC Intranet at Captiva/Resources/Health Services Documents/02 Physical Health/Clinical Updates.

V. **Attachments:** None.

VI **Record Retention of Forms Relevant to this Policy:** None.