

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS



Standard Operating Procedures

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Commissioner

Originating Division:
Health Services Division
(Physical Health)

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I. Introduction and Summary:

The Georgia Department of Corrections (GDC) Office of Health Services (OHS) is committed to provide all offenders quality medical care meeting recognized professional standards in a safe environment and in a cost-effective manner within available resources. To fulfill its obligations, OHS has established a delivery system and a series of oversight programs. This procedure is applicable to all facilities that house GDC offenders to include private and county prisons.

II. Authority:

GDC Standard Operating Procedure (SOP): 507.01.03 Office of Health Services.

III. Definitions: None.

IV. Statement of Policy and Applicable Procedures:

- A. The GDC Office of Health Services (OHS) is committed to provide all offenders quality medical care meeting recognized professional standards in a safe environment and in a cost-effective manner within available resources.
- B. To fulfill its obligations, the OHS has established a delivery system and a series of oversight programs.
- C. The GDC delivery system consists of institutional, regional, and central office components.
 - 1. The institutional components are a number of medical units in multiple locations, dedicated to the delivery of hands-on offender care. The units are staffed by contracted, full time and part time health care workers. OHS may choose to contract all or part of certain areas or services. Dental and mental health services are considered a part of medical care and are provided under the auspices of the OHS.

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2. Contract regional components consist of regional employees whose mission is to coordinate, supervise, and monitor the delivery of offender health care in each region.

- D. OHS coordinates and oversees all health care service components of the system. To accomplish these functions, OHS has established several oversight programs and is charged with certain statewide duties. These programs and duties are referenced in SOP 507.01.03 Office of Health Services.

- V. **Attachments:** None.

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