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**SCOPE**

This standard operation procedure applies to all Idaho Department of Correction (IDOC) and contract staff involved in medical, dental, psychiatric, and psychological services provided to inmates under the jurisdiction of the IDOC.

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**BOARD OF CORRECTION IDAPA RULE NUMBER**

None

**POLICY CONTROL NUMBER 401**

Clinical Services and Treatment

**PURPOSE**

This SOP provides guidance regarding the responsibilities of responsible healthcare authorities in the department.

**RESPONSIBILITY**

The chief of the division of management services is responsible to implement this standard operating procedure.

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The medical authority, in cooperation with the director, the chief of management services, and the chief of division of prisons are responsible to provide healthcare services.

## **STANDARD PROCEDURES**

### **1. Health Care Management Overview**

Healthcare must include medical, mental and dental services, personal hygiene, dietary (when medically prescribed) and environmental conditions.

#### ***Medical Director***

A medical director may be an IDOC staff physician or be contracted to provide medical services for specific institutions. The medical director or designee is responsible for making final medical judgments. The medical director must have a major role in arranging for all levels of healthcare and assuring quality and accessibility of all health services provided to inmates.

#### ***Medical Administrator***

The medical administrator or designee on site is the health authority for each IDOC institution. If the senior medical staff aboard is not a physician, then a physician must be identified for medical decisions.

#### ***IDOC Healthcare Services Director***

The IDOC healthcare services director is a state employee assigned to oversee healthcare services at all IDOC correctional facilities. The IDOC medical authority must ensure that there is an assigned medical director or a designee available at all times.

#### ***Facility Head***

The facility head or designee of each facility is responsible for security control of the medical areas.

## **DEFINITIONS**

None

## **REFERENCES**

*NCCHC Standards for Health Services in Prisons-2014*

*P-A-02 Responsible Health Authority*

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