# NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
# ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION
# 545

## SERIOUS ILLNESS/ESCORTED LEAVE

**Supersedes:** AR 545 (Temporary, 12/14/11)
**Effective Date:** 06/17/12

**AUTHORITY:** NRS 209.501

**RESPONSIBILITY**

The Offender Management Administrator (OMA) is responsible for the final review and approval/disapproval of escorted leave requests.

Wardens are responsible for the review of all escorted leave requests.

### 545.01 SERIOUS ILLNESS/FUNERAL ESCORT

1. Under specified conditions, inmates may be allowed to visit immediate family members for deathbed visits and /or to attend the funeral of an immediate family member.

   A. Deathbed visits are authorized only to the location of the ill relative for no longer than 2 hours (not including travel time), unless approved by the Director or designee.

   B. Funeral destinations may include church, funeral home or graveside.

2. Institutional staff:

   A. Will obtain independent verification from a source, other than a family member, of the illness or death.

   B. Will verify the relationship to the inmate.

   C. Will verify with medical authorities that the illnesses are critical or terminal.

3. With the approval of the OMA/designee, the inmate may be transferred to another institution or facility to facilitate the visit.

   A. Offender Management Division (OMD) transfer approval must be obtained prior to transfer.

B. The sending institution will coordinate with the receiving institution before the request for transfer to ensure that the receiving institution can support the escorted visit.

C. Visits are not allowed to out of state locations.

D. The inmate or family, in advance of the visit, shall pay any expense related to any visit approved under this regulation. These expenses include but are not limited to travel costs and staff costs.

E. After the expense funds have been received by the Department and prior to the actual visit, the inmate will sign DOC Form 3011, General Rules/Inmates.

F. If the inmate is approved for the visit, the inmate will only be allowed to wear prison clothing. The wearing of any non-prison clothing is prohibited and is grounds for immediate termination of the visit..

G. Serious illness or funeral escorted leave will not be approved in the following instances:

(1) Where the inmate is seriously emotionally disturbed.

(2) Family injury or death was the result of unusual circumstances that might result in retaliation by the inmate against another person in the community.

(3) The visit would place the inmate or the escorting staff in danger.

(4) For inmates with serious behavioral problems or inmates who represent an escape risk.

(5) For inmates with documented threats to individuals in the community.

(6) Notorious inmates that have generated great public concern and/or inmates identified with organized crime, gang activities or who are members or a security threat group.

(7) Inmates without the financial ability to pay for the costs associated with the visits.

(8) Inmates whose criminal history would indicate that they would represent a serious risk to injure or assault members of the community with whom they might come in contact, were they to escape.

(9) When the institution/facility does not have the staff resources to provide the escort for the visit, or if overtime resources are required for the management of the institution.

(10) Where the inmate is medium, close, maximum or unassigned custody.

4. Boarders.

A. Inmates who are boarders or contract inmates from other states under the Interstate Compact will not be approved for a visit without the approval of the transfer state.

B. Federal prisoners will not be approved for visits unless those visits are approved and conducted by the U.S Marshal.

C. County safe keepers will not be approved for visits unless those visits are approved and conducted by a County Deputy Sheriff.

**APPLICABILITY**

1. This procedure does not require an institutional Operational Procedure.

2. This regulation does not require an audit.

**REFERENCES**

ACA Standard 4-4392

**ATTACHMENTS**

General Rules/Inmates DOC – 3011.

James G. Cox, Director

5/30/12
Date

## GENERAL RULES/INMATES

1. **I agree to attend the death bed visit/funeral for a maximum of two (2) hours.**
2. **I will act responsibly and professionally.**
3. **I will dress in attire per AR 545.**
4. **I will not attend any family gathering or imbibe in the use of alcohol.**
5. **I agree to pay costs associated with the visit in advance.**
6. **I understand that failure to return on time or leaving staff supervision could result in criminal prosecution for unauthorized absence.**
7. **I understand that any violation of the Code of Penal Discipline could result in disciplinary action.**

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**Inmate Signature** **Date**

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**Staff Witness** **Date**

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