



NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

SUMMARY OF CHANGES
AR 600 – HEALTH CARE SERVICES
Effective PENDING

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600.01.2. Replaced Judgements with evaluation and added using their sound medical judgment in diagnosing and treatment.	2
600.01.6. Added A medical orientation book will be given to all offenders upon arrival in the facility which contains medical services and health educations.	2
600.01.9. Replaced Health Care Administrator (HCA) with facility Director of Nursing Services (DONS).	2
600.02.2 Added Oversee the care of offenders. Updated verbiage the facility DONS will provide for the detection, diagnosis, treatment, and referral of offenders with mental health problems at their respective institutions.	2
600.03.C Added DONS, and the office of Human Resources.	3
Other minor changes have been made in formatting for improved clarity and consistency.	

James E. Dzurenda, Director

Date

This summary of changes is for training record purposes only. You must also consult the Administrative Regulation and/or Manual for proper instructions.

I, _____, acknowledge receipt of this Summary of Changes and understand it is my responsibility to implement into the course of my duties.

Signature

Date



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**HEALTH CARE SERVICES
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION – AR 600**

SUPERSEDES: AR 600 (4/8/11); AR 600 (Temporary 1/14/15); AR 600 (5/19/15)

EFFECTIVE DATE: PENDING

AUTHORITY: NRS 209.131; NRS 209.381

RESPONSIBILITY

The Director of the Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC and Department) is responsible for the implementation of this Administrative Regulation (AR).

The Medical Director will ensure that their subordinates have read and understood this regulation.

The Wardens will ensure that their appropriate assigned subordinate supervisors have read and understand this regulation.

The Associate Wardens will ensure that their appropriate assigned subordinate supervisors have read and understand this regulation.

Supervisors will ensure that their appropriate subordinate staff members have read and understand this regulation.

Designated staff members will know, comply with, and enforce this regulation.

If, and where applicable, offenders will know and comply with this regulation.

600.01 HEALTH CARE SERVICES

1. Health care services will provide for the physical and mental well-being of the population and will include treatment of serious medical, dental, and mental illness.

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2. All medical, psychiatric, and dental matters involving medical evaluation are the sole province of the responsible provider(s) respectively, using their sound medical judgment in diagnosing and treatment.
 3. Each policy and procedure in the health care delivery system will be reviewed at least annually and revised if necessary.
 4. To ensure continuity of care, when an offender is referred to a community provider, appropriate medical information will be shared with the new providers in accord with consent requirements.
 5. The procedure for processing complaints regarding health care will be provided and explained to all offenders upon arrival in the facility in a language clearly understood by each offender.
 6. A medical orientation book will be given to all offenders upon arrival in the facility which contains medical services and health educations.
 7. Non-medical staff will not approve or disapprove DOC 2500 (Medical Kite and Service Report) for any offender requests for medical care.
 8. The Medical Director will ensure only qualified health care personnel will determine and supervise health care procedures.
 9. The facility Director of Nursing Services (DONS), under the general supervision of the Chief of Nursing Services and the Medical Director in consultation with the Medical Administrator, will make every effort to ensure the appropriate space, equipment, supplies, and material is available depending on the level of health care provided at their respective institution/facility.
 10. If the Medical Division cannot provide the required in-patient or out-patient care inside the institution, the Medical Administrator will contract with outside facilities/providers to provide such care.

600.02 MENTAL HEALTH

1. A psychiatric provider designated by Medical Director will coordinate the clinical aspects for mental health care and the facility DONS will oversee nursing, administrative and other day-to-day operations.
2. The Medical Director will make every effort to ensure that an adequate number of qualified staff members are available to oversee the care of offenders who have severe mental health problems at their respective institutions.
3. The facility DONS will provide for the detection, diagnosis, treatment, and referral of offenders with mental health problems at their respective institutions.

600.03 HEALTH CARE POLICIES, LICENSING, AND CERTIFICATIONS

1. The Medical Director will ensure that appropriate state and federal licensure, certification or registration requirements and restrictions apply to personnel who provide health care to offenders.
 - A. The duties and responsibilities of such personnel will be governed by written job descriptions and approved by the Medical Director.
 - B. The Medical Director/Designee will give the final approval for the hiring of all health care personnel.
 - C. Verification of current credentials and job descriptions will be on file in the Office of the DONS for Staff Development Coordinator and the office of Human Resources.

APPLICABILITY

1. This regulation requires an Operational Procedure for the institutional infirmaries, Regional Medical Facility, Mental Health Unit, Extended Care Unit, Structured Care Unit, Clinical Services Unit, and Medical Intermediate Care Unit.
2. This regulation requires an audit.

REFERENCES

ACA Standards 5th Edition 5-ACI-6A-01, 5-ACI-6A-03, 5-ACI-6A-04, 5-ACI-6A-05, 5-ACI-6A-06, 5-ACI-6B-03.

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