

Section 10: Medical / Mental Health

Subject: Health Authority

Minimum Standard: 5120:1-8-09(A)

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Authorized: _____ **Effective date:** _____
Sheriff Paul A. Sigsworth

POLICY

The Erie County Jail shall have a designated health authority with responsibility for health and/or mental health care services pursuant a written agreement, contract, or job description. The health authority may be a physician, health administrator, or agency. When the health authority is other than a local physician, final clinical judgment rest with a single, designated, responsible, local physician licensed in Ohio.

PROCEDURE

- A. The Health Authority for the Erie County Jail is the Erie County Health Department.
- B. The Erie County Health Department is responsible and authorized to:
 - 1. Provide written policies and procedures specifically designed for the jail for all aspects of this standard that shall be reviewed on an annual basis.
 - a. Written policies and procedures shall be easily accessible to staff and simple to understand.
 - 2. Arranges for all levels of health care, mental health care, and dental care and assures quality, accessible, and timely services for inmates. When necessary medical, mental health, and dental care is not available at the jail, including youth services, inmates are referred to an appropriate setting.
 - 3. Ensure where there is a separate organizational structure for Mental Health Services
 - a. The Erie County Jail will utilize Firelands Regional Medical Center Counseling and Recovery Services.
 - 4. Ensure decision and actions regarding health care and mental health needs are the sole responsibility of qualified health care and mental health professionals.
 - 5. No inmate shall be denied necessary health care, as designated by the health authority.
- C. Final Clinical Judgment rest with:
 - a. Anthony G. Tesmond, D.O.
 - b. Max L. Pavlock, D.O.