

Section 10: Medical / Mental Health
Subject: Informed Consent
Minimum Standard: 5120:1-8-09 (Y)
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POLICY

The health authority shall develop a policy and procedure requiring that all examinations, treatments, and procedures are governed by informed consent practices and applicable in the jail's jurisdiction.

PROCEDURE

1. Inmates will sign the Preliminary Health (Receiving) Screen indicating they have given their informed consent.
 - a. Using question 32 the admitting Corrections Officer will ask the inmate if they consent to be seen and/or treated by medical personnel if need, except in emergency circumstances.

2. Further written consent is required for any treatment or procedure that is invasive and carries some risk of an adverse outcome.
 - a. Not all health encounters require written consent. If the treatment and/or procedure is neither risky nor invasive, consent may be implied when the inmate shows up for the treatment and/or procedure.