

Section 10: Medical / Mental Health

Subject: Sick Call

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

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Sheriff Paul A. Sigsworth

POLICY

A physician and/or qualified health care professional conducts sick call three times per week. To ensure inmates receive appropriate care, the designated physician or allied medical personnel (LPN, RN) under physician supervision, shall be present at the jail to conduct sick call a minimum of three times per week.

PROCEDURE

1. Sick Call will be conducted daily in the Medical Exam Room of the Erie County Jail.
 - a. Sick Call will take place at a mutually agreed upon time (preferably during A Shift).
2. The Nurse will inform the officer assisting with Sick Call of the names of the inmates to be seen.
 - a. The Nurse will generate this list by running a MDRQ (Medical Request) Shift Log Report from the Reports List in the Jail Record Management System.
 - b. Any officer or nurse who receives a request, either in writing or verbally, from an inmate will place a MDRQ Event in the Jail Shift Log in the JMS. This event will include:
 - i. Date and Time request received.
 - ii. Officer entering the event.
 - iii. Inmate making the request.
3. Corrections Officers are to provide a safe and secure environment for the Nurse by:
 - a. Escorting inmates to and from the Medical Holding Cell.
 - i. The Nurse will advise the officer which inmates are to be seen.
 - b. Secure inmates in the Medical Holding Cell.
 - i. A maximum of 6 inmates will be placed in the cell at one time.
 - c. Escort each inmate from the holding cell to the Medical Exam Room.
 - i. Ensuring only one inmate at a time is seen by Nurse.
 - d. Remain within sight of the inmate while in the exam room.
4. The Corrections Officer escorting the inmates for Sick Call will log it as a SCAL (Sick Call) Event in the Jail Log of the JMS. This record should include;
 - a. Date and time.
 - b. Name of inmates and officer involved.
 - c. Reason for seeing the nurse (Sick Call).