

Section 10: Medical / Mental Health

Subject: Privacy

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

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POLICY

The health authority shall develop a policy whereby health care encounters, including medical and mental health interviews, examinations, and procedures are conducted in a setting that respects the inmate's privacy.

PROCEDURE

- A. When discussing or examining an inmate for medical or mental health reasons:
 - 1. The Corrections Officer will:
 - a. Speak to the inmate in a private area away from other inmates using lowered voices.
 - 2. The Nurse will:
 - a. If speaking with the inmate during Medication Pass, ensure other inmates are not around the door and speak using lowered voices.
 - b. If during a Health Appraisal, Sick Call, or other medical reasons in the Medical Exam, ensure that only one inmate is in the Exam Room at a time.