



STATE OF MONTANA  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
POLICY DIRECTIVE

Policy No. DOC 4.5.57	Subject: <b>ON-SITE DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES</b>
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Section 5: Clinical Services	Effective Date: 4/19/2021
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**I. POLICY**

The Department of Corrections will ensure that facilities provide the necessary on-site diagnostic services for offender care.

**II. APPLICABILITY**

All Department of Corrections secure care facilities.

**III. DEFINITIONS**

**Diagnostic Services** – Include biomedical and imaging services and results that are used to make clinical judgements.

**Responsible Health Authority** – The Clinical Services Division Administrator that is tasked with ensuring the organization and delivery of health care in the facility.

**IV. DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVES**

**A. General Requirements**

1. The responsible health authority maintains documentation that on-site diagnostic services (e.g., laboratory, radiology) are certified or licensed to provide that service.
2. There is a facility procedure manual for each on-site diagnostic service, including protocols for the calibration of testing devices to ensure accuracy.
3. On-site diagnostic services are registered, accredited, or otherwise meet applicable state and federal law.
4. Whether the testing occurs on-site, or samples are sent off-site for testing, results are available in a timely fashion.

**B. Diagnostic Services**

1. Facilities have, at a minimum, multiple-test dipstick urinalysis, finger-stick blood glucose tests, peak flow meters (handheld or other), stool blood-testing material, and in facilities housing women, pregnancy test kits.

2. Mental health services have access to blood, urine, and oral fluid testing to monitor medication levels or to confirm or rule out the presence of a variety of drugs including opioids.
3. Mental health services have access to X-Ray (e.g., skull, computerized tomography, MRI scanning) and advanced psychological testing resources is available.

**V. CLOSING**

Questions concerning this policy should be directed to the Clinical Services Division Administrator.

**VI. REFERENCES**

- A. *P-D-04; National Commission on Correctional Health Services, 2018*
- B. *MH-D-04; National Commission on Mental Health Services in Correctional Facilities, 2015*
- C. *Y-D-04; National Commission on Correctional Health Services in Juvenile Detention and Confinement Facilities, 2015*

**VII. ATTACHMENTS**

None