



**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS BUREAU
FACILITY OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT**

Requirement:	PFB 6.2.483 HEALTH ASSESSMENT PROTOCOLS
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This procedure is referenced as ACCD 4.5.1900 Nursing Assessment Protocols in Section 3.J. Offender Management; Healthcare, in the following contracts: Alpha House, Butte Prerelease, Elkhorn, Gallatin County Reentry Program, Helena Prerelease, Nexus, Passages, and START. This procedure is also referenced in Sections 2.2.9. Services; Healthcare, in the following contracts: Connections Corrections Program (CCP) East, Connections Corrections Program (CCP) West, and WATCH West.

I. PURPOSE:

All facilities contracted with the Community Corrections Facilities and Programs Bureau (FPB) will develop health assessment protocols that will guide offender health screenings and assessment, initiate treatment of identified conditions, and ensure appropriate referral to a physician, dentist, or mid-level practitioner for further evaluation and treatment.

II. DEFINITIONS:

Community Corrections Facility – Includes assessment/sanction centers, prerelease centers, and residential substance use disorder treatment facilities.

Department – the Montana Department of Corrections.

HSB-Health Services Bureau – The Bureau within the Department responsible for the overall health care functions of medical, mental health, dental, and vision for all programs and facilities.

Health Assessment Protocols – Written instructions outlining the steps for offender health status evaluation and intervention.

III. PROCEDURES:

- A. Facility Administrators will ensure that appropriate health assessment practices/protocols that outline the steps for the assessment, treatment, and monitoring of specific offender health conditions are established.
- B. The Facility Administrator, in consultation with facility health care staff, will be responsible for ensuring the annual review and development of the health assessment practices/protocols. When health assessment protocols are changed, Facility Administrators will ensure all appropriate facility staff are notified of and trained on the changes.
- C. Only a licensed clinician who is authorized to prescribe medication may initiate prescription treatment by a written or verbal order.

- D. The Facility Administrator will ensure that appropriate staff are trained in health assessment protocol use and will document the following:
1. evidence that all new staff is trained appropriately;
 2. demonstration of knowledge and skills;
 3. evidence of annual review of skills; and
 4. evidence of retraining when new health assessment protocols are introduced or existing protocols are revised.

IV. CLOSING:

Questions concerning this facility operational requirement should be directed to the HSB Chief or the FPB Chief or designees.