



**STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
POLICY DIRECTIVE**

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Section 5: Health Care	Effective Date: Aug. 1, 1997
Signature: /s/ Mike Ferriter, Director	Revised: 06/20/11

I. POLICY

The Department of Corrections will ensure that all Department and contracted facility offender health care services are provided by licensed and credentialed health care providers.

II. APPLICABILITY

The secure care facilities that include Riverside and Pine Hills Youth Correctional Facilities, Montana State Prison, Montana Women's Prison, and the private and regional facilities contracted to the Department of Corrections as specified in contract.

III. DEFINITIONS

Chief Facility Health Officer – The health authority or nursing supervisor responsible for the facility health care services.

IV. DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVES

A. Requirements

1. Each Department and contracted health care provider will:
 - a. submit a copy of current license or appropriate credentials to the facility administrator and chief facility health officer upon hire; and
 - b. maintain current license or credentials and provide verification of renewal to the facility administrator and chief facility health officer.
2. The chief facility health officer will:
 - a. provide verification of current licenses and credentials through the appropriate licensing board;
 - b. maintain verifications in individual personnel files; and
 - c. provide copies of verifications to the Department's contract monitor in contracted facilities.

V. CLOSING

Questions concerning this policy should be directed to the Department medical director or health services bureau chief.

VI. REFERENCES

- A. *ACA Standards for Juvenile Correctional Facilities, 2003*
- B. *National Commission on Correctional Health Care Standards, 2008*
- C. [Montana Nurse Practice Act](#)

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- D. [*American Medical Association of Montana*](#)
- E. [*Board of Medical Examiners*](#)

VII. ATTACHMENTS

None.