



## POLICY DIRECTIVE

Policy:	<b>DOC 4.5.56 OFFENDERS WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS</b>
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### I. POLICY

The Department will ensure that offenders with Substance Use problems are assessed and properly managed by a physician or, where permitted by law, other qualified health and mental health professionals.

### II. APPLICABILITY

All Department secure facilities.

### III. DEFINITIONS (see Glossary)

### IV. REQUIREMENTS

#### A. General Requirements

1. Facilities have written clinical procedures for the management of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) offenders.
2. There is documentation in the offender's record of the communication and coordination between medical, mental health, and substance use staff regarding SUD care.
3. Disorders associated with SUD (for example, HIV and liver disease) are recognized and treated.
4. Custody staff are trained in recognizing SUD problems in offenders and discussing with them.
5. There is on-site medication-assisted therapy (MAT), individual counseling, group therapy, or self-help groups for offenders with SUDs.
6. Didactic approaches to drug education are available to offenders.

### V. CLOSING

Questions about this policy should be directed to the Health Services Bureau Chief.

### VI. REFERENCES

- A. *P-F-04; National Commission on Correctional Health Care, 2018*
- B. *MH-G-05; National Commission on Mental Health Services in Correctional Facilities, 2015*
- C. *Y-G-06; National Commission on Correctional Health Services in Juvenile Detention and Confinement Facilities, 2022*