



POLICY DIRECTIVE

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I. POLICY

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

II. APPLICABILITY

All Department secure facilities.

III. DEFINITIONS (see Glossary)

IV. REQUIREMENTS

A. General Requirements

1. The responsible health authority maintains documentation that on-site diagnostic services (for example, laboratory and radiology) are certified or licensed to provide that service.
2. There is a facility 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 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. 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. Health services have access to diagnostic X-Ray (for example, skull, computerized tomography, and MRI scanning).
4. Advanced psychological testing resources are available.

V. CLOSING

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

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, 2022*