



COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS BUREAU FACILITY OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT

Requirement:	FPB 6.2.480 MEDICAL AUTONOMY
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This facility operating requirement is referenced as *ACCD 4.5.300 Medical Autonomy* 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 facility operating requirement is also referenced in Section 2.2.9. Services; Healthcare, in the following contracts: Connections Corrections Program (CCP) East, Connections Corrections Program (CCP) West, and WATCH West.

I. PURPOSE

Health care staff of all Community Corrections Facilities and Programs Bureau (FPB) contract facilities will follow this facility operational requirement identifying the scope of medical responsibilities and authority of the facilities.

II. DEFINITIONS (see Glossary)

III. REQUIREMENTS

A. Community Corrections Facilities

1. General Requirements
 - a. The facility's health care staff will be the initial provider of on-site offender health care services.
 - b. In accordance with contracts, facilities will provide offenders with access to health care services including medical, psychiatric, dental, optometric, pharmaceutical, psychological, and other medical-related services. These services must meet applicable: American Correctional Association and National Commission on Correctional Health Care standards; federal, state, and local laws and regulations; and procedures.
 - c. Security regulations that apply to all contract facility staff members will apply to all health care staff.
 - d. The Health Services Bureau (HSB) must approve off-site consultations and procedures in advance of services rendered in accordance with *FPB 6.2.482 Level of Therapeutic Care*.
 - 1) For medical and dental emergencies, each facility shall report directly to [cornedical\(at\)mt.gov](mailto:cornedical@mt.gov) and to the Contract Manager as soon as possible with full information regarding the nature of the illness and the type of treatment provided.
2. Health Care Delivery and Security Responsibilities
 - a. The facility administrator:
 - 1) will ensure that appropriately credentialed health care providers deliver services within their respective scopes of practice;
 - 2) will ensure access to, and monitoring of, offender health care services; and
 - 3) is responsible to ensure proper coordination between the health care staff and the security or transportation staff assigned to move offenders to and from treatment areas.
 - b. Health care providers will have complete responsibility and authority for offender health care and treatment.
 - c. Staff trained in CPR and First Aid will provide emergency care within the scope of their training.

- d. Security and administrative staff will not be involved in providing direct health care or analyzing and evaluating the efficiency of health treatment or the validity of health care requests.
- e. Security and health care staff will work together, recognizing that facility and offender interests are best served when all relevant health care delivery standards are implemented.
- f. If a physician's medical order, which may be life sustaining, is in direct conflict with a security directive, the medical order will be implemented until further review by HSB and facility staff.

IV. CLOSING

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

V. REFERENCES

- A. *53-1-203, MCA*
- B. *DOC 4.5.03 Health Care Autonomy; FPB 6.2.482 Level of Therapeutic Care*