



COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS BUREAU FACILITY OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT

Requirement:	FPB 6.2.483 HEALTH ASSESSMENT PROTOCOLS
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This facility operating requirement 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 facility operating requirement 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 (see Glossary)

III. REQUIREMENTS

A. Specific Requirements

1. Facility administrators will ensure that appropriate health assessment practices and/or protocols that outline the steps for the assessment, treatment, and monitoring of specific offender health conditions are established.
2. 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 and/or protocols. When health assessment practices or protocols are changed, facility administrators will ensure all appropriate facility staff are notified of and trained on the changes.
3. Only a licensed clinician who is authorized to prescribe medication may initiate prescription treatment by a written or verbal order.
4. The facility administrator will ensure that appropriate staff are trained in health assessment protocol use and will document the following:
 - a. evidence that all new staff is trained appropriately;
 - b. demonstration of knowledge and skills;
 - c. evidence of annual review of skills; and
 - d. evidence of retraining when new health assessment protocols are introduced or existing protocols are revised.

IV. CLOSING

Questions about this facility operational requirement should be directed to the Health Services Bureau (HSB) Chief or the FPB Chief or designees.

V. REFERENCES

- A. 53-1-203 MCA
- B. DOC 4.5.19 Nursing Assessment Protocols