

HEALTH SERVICES POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

North Carolina Department Of Correction
Division Of Prisons

SECTION: Administrative – Death and Dying

POLICY # AD V-4

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SUBJECT: Transporting Bodies

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 2010
SUPERCEDES DATE: October 2007

PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for deceased inmates who have died of reportable diseases.

POLICY

It shall be the duty of the physician attending any person who dies and is known to have smallpox, plague, HIV infection, Hepatitis B infection, rabies, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) or Jakob Creutzfeldt disease to provide written notification to all individuals handling the body to ensure that proper precautions may be implemented and prevent spread of infection proper precautions to prevent infection.

PROCEDURE

1. The Division of Prisons will provide written notification to individuals transporting these bodies.
2. The written notification shall be on the DC-135A (Notification of Those Handling and Transporting Bodies). A copy of the DC-135A will be given to the individual receiving the body and a copy will be retained in the health record of the deceased. This notification shall be provided at the time the body is removed from any Division of Prisons facility.

Reference: NC Communicable Disease Law 10A NCAC 41A.021 2



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