

HEALTH SERVICES POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

North Carolina Department Of Correction

SECTION: Administrative – Organization

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References

Related ACA Standards

**4th Edition Standards for Adult Correctional
Institutions 4-4366, 4-4380, 4-4381**

POLICY

Health professionals are committed to respect all human beings. This commitment cannot be altered by the fact that individuals being cared for are in correctional facilities. The philosophy, ethics, responsibilities, functions, roles, skills, and legal authority that guide the practice of community health professionals also guide the practice of health professionals in corrections.

All employees involved in the delivery of health services within the North Carolina Department of Public Safety – Prisons will treat all inmates who are receiving health care professionally.

Privacy for the inmate should be a consideration when providing medical treatment or procedures. Where indicated a chaperone must be present.

Medical information collected during the course of medical examinations of inmates is considered confidential and as such will not be released to unauthorized persons without written consent of the inmate, unless otherwise required or permitted by law.



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