

**HEALTH SERVICES POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL**

**North Carolina Department Of Public Safety  
Prison**

**SECTION: ASSESSMENT**

**POLICY # A-11**

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**SUBJECT: Vision Screening**

**EFFECTIVE DATE: June 2014**

**SUPERCEDES DATE: June 2007**

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**PURPOSE**

To provide guidelines in conducting vision screening.

**POLICY**

All offenders will have their near and far vision screened upon entering the prison system and at the time of their periodic health examination. Nursing staff shall perform the screening. There after, the periodic examination is every 5 years for offenders under age 50 and every year for offenders age 50 and above.

**PROCEDURE**

1. Far vision will be screened by utilizing the Snellen eye chart at a distance of 20 feet.
2. Near vision will be screened by utilizing the Rosenbaum eye chart at a distance of 14 inches.
3. Both eyes are to be assessed with and without glasses.
4. Values are to be recorded in the Health Care Record.



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