

HEALTH SERVICES POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

North Carolina Department Of Public Safety
Prison

SECTION: Assessment of Patient

POLICY # A-3

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SUBJECT: Lab Services

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PURPOSE

To provide guidelines to access lab services.

POLICY

Each facility will have laboratory required provided either through in-house capability or services acquired under contractual arrangements.

PROCEDURES

1. The Standard Operational Procedure for health care services at each facility shall include written procedures for accessing laboratory services. This will include the use of county public health clinics, commercial laboratories, local clinics, and hospitals under a fee for service or contractual arrangement.
 2. A list of the laboratory and diagnostic services and hours of availability shall be maintained.
 3. When separate laboratory or diagnostic services are provided on site, a written procedure for such services is to be incorporated into the SOP manual and reviewed at least annually to insure it is kept current by the responsible health authority.
- I. Acquisition of Laboratory Services
- A. Each facility shall:
 1. Maintain SOP only written procedures to access lab.
 2. Provide laboratory services through contraband arrangement or fee for services agreement.
 3. Maintain list of available laboratory and diagnostic services.
 4. Post hours of availability for laboratory services.
 - B. Facility with onsite laboratory shall:
 1. Maintain written procedure for acquiring laboratory services
 2. Have written procedures imported into SOP Manual
 3. Have facility Health authority review SOP annually.

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