

HEALTH SERVICES POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL

**North Carolina Department Of Public Safety
Prison**

**SECTION: Care and Treatment of
Patient**

POLICY # TX I-10

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SUBJECT: Oxygen

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References:

**Related ACA Standards
Correctional**

**4th Edition Standards for Adult
Institutions 4-4389**

PURPOSE

To insure access to oxygen during an emergency and to provide guidelines for oxygen therapy in prison facilities.

POLICY

All prison facilities will have a small, portable oxygen cylinder for emergency purposes. Facilities that have medical missions to provide care to offenders with unstable chronic disease, acute medical care including infirmary, long term care and skilled nursing care will have oxygen concentrators. Acute care and skilled nursing facilities may also have large, secured oxygen cylinders and/or wall oxygen.

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