

**OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
**Operations Division**  
**Health Services Section Policy and Procedure #P-A-03**

SUBJECT: MEDICAL AUTONOMY

POLICY: Medical, mental health, and dental judgments are the sole responsibility of qualified health care personnel and are not compromised for security reasons. Health Service personnel comply with security regulations of the Department. The Superintendent of the correctional facility provides administrative support and physical resources in order to ensure inmate access to health care.

REFERENCE: OAR 291-124-015(1)  
NCCHC Standard P-A-03

PROCEDURE:

- A. The exercise of medical, dental, and mental health judgments shall be within the policy, procedures and standards for clinical care established by the Health Services Section.
- B. Matters of medical, dental, or mental health judgment and orders are the sole responsibility of the Health Services Section.
- C. The Health Services Manager or designee will discuss with the Superintendent or designee the implementation of new or revised health services programs, which have an impact on institution operations.
- D. Health Services personnel receive training and/or are notified of security regulations for which they are to comply.

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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