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CHAPTER: 11 BUREAU OF CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES	SUBJECT: RESPONSIBLE HEALTH AUTHORITY	
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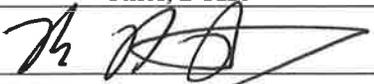
- I. AUTHORITY: Bureau of Correctional Healthcare Services (BCHS)
- II. PURPOSE: To identify the authority responsible for provision of healthcare services to Delaware Department of Correction (DDOC) offenders
- III. APPLICABILITY: All DDOC employees and vendor staff, offenders, and any outside healthcare provider servicing DOC offenders.
- IV. DEFINITIONS: See glossary.
- V. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: Changed “vendor” to “Contract Provider”
- VI. POLICY:
- A. It is the policy of the DDOC that the Chief, Bureau of Correctional Healthcare Services, is the Responsible Health Authority (RHA) as defined by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care and American Correctional Association.
- The RHA is responsible for the coordination and provision of healthcare services at all DDOC institutions. Such healthcare services may be provided through a contracted vendor. If the DDOC retains any vendor to provide healthcare services, that vendor is responsible for the direct provision of patient care to individual offenders and the DDOC’s function is to ensure proper performance by the vendor*
- B. It is also the policy of the DDOC that the Medical Contract Provider supplies at each Level 4 institution a Health Services Administrator (HSA) who is directly responsible for arranging all levels of healthcare for the offenders in that institution, providing quality, accessible and timely healthcare services to the offenders. A Level 5 HSA may provide oversight to Level 4 facilities.
1. The HSA is responsible for the delivery of contract healthcare services, the supervision of personnel and coordination of healthcare services among other vendors in that institution, e.g. Pharmacy and Mental Health Contract providers.
 2. The final medical judgment rests with the institution Medical Director in

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accordance with DDOC policy 11-A-03.

C. It is also the policy of the DDOC that there will be an institution Mental Health Director who will be responsible for arranging all levels of healthcare for the offenders in that institution, providing quality, accessible and timely mental health services to the offenders. The final mental health clinical judgment rests with the institution Psychiatrist.

Approval:

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